

# Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

**WHEREAS, Nurse Practitioners (NPs)** are registered nurses with extensive education and clinical training, who have earned graduate degrees including Masters and Doctorates, and there are more than 192,000 licensed NPs in the United States with over 14,000 practicing in the state of Florida; and

**WHEREAS,** Nurse Practitioners assess and evaluate health status, perform and interpret diagnostic tests, diagnose and treat acute and chronic conditions, and they prescribe medications, therapies, and treatments. In 19 states and the District of Columbia, Nurse Practitioners are granted full practice authority, giving patients more direct access to the primary, acute, and specialty care service that NPs provide; and

**WHEREAS,** Nurse Practitioners are committed to excellence, safety, and cost-effectiveness for their patients, and provide health care to people of all ages and in diverse health care settings including private office practice, hospitals, long-term and managed care facilities, schools, state and local health departments, and retail-based clinics; and

**WHEREAS,** true partners in the health care of their patients, Nurse Practitioners focus on health promotion, disease prevention, health education, counseling and guiding patients to make smarter health and lifestyle choices; and

**WHEREAS,** locally, the **Tampa Bay Advanced Practice Nurses Council**, an affiliate of the **Florida Nurse Practitioner Network** and the **American Academy of Nurse Practitioners**, are committed to improving the health status of all Tampa area residents, and its mission is to stimulate, support, and promote the profession and business development of advanced nurse practitioners, and provide and facilitate better access and education on the latest healthcare options to improve the healthcare needs for multi-cultural groups; and

**WHEREAS, National Nurse Practitioner Week** is held annually and was established by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners to celebrate the dedication of Nurse Practitioners and provide an opportunity to bring recognition to their role, and increase awareness of the exceptional contributions they make to the health of millions of Americans; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim November 9-15, 2014 as

## ***“NATIONAL NURSE PRACTITIONER WEEK”***

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing this dedicated group of health care professionals and in thanking them for the many contributions they make to the health and well-being of the citizen of our community and nation.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2014.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor