

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, Shriners International is a world-wide fraternal organization, with the first Temple organized in the United States in 1872, and the organization is a brotherhood of men committed to family, engaged in ongoing personal growth, and dedicated to providing care for children and families in need; and

WHEREAS, well-known for its philanthropic efforts, Shriners International is especially noted for its *Shriners Hospitals for Children*[®] with the first facility opened in 1922, and today it has a network of twenty-two hospitals throughout North America that provide expert medical care to children, including those with orthopedic needs, pediatric burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate conditions, with no financial obligation to the patients or their families; and

WHEREAS, Shriners Hospitals for Children[®] are pioneers in expert techniques and treatments, and its mission is to provide the highest quality care to children without regard to race, color, creed, sex or sect, disability, national origin or ability to pay, and its vision is to become the best at transforming children's lives by providing exceptional healthcare through innovative research, in a patient and family centered environment; and

WHEREAS, established thirty years ago in 1985, the Tampa Bay area is fortunate to have **Shriners Hospitals for Children[®] – Tampa** located in our community adjacent to the University of South Florida, Tampa campus; and

WHEREAS, Shriners Hospitals for Children[®] – Tampa has treated more than 50,000 children in the past three decades with admission based solely on medical need without regard to financial ability, and it has continued to grow and expand in response to the needs of children in our community, providing high quality care and improving the quality of life for children and their families in our region; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is very appreciative and supportive of Shriners Hospitals for Children[®] – Tampa, and wishes to take this opportunity to thank them for their contributions over the years, and to congratulate them on this special *30th Anniversary*.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Saturday, October 3, 2015 as

“SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN[®] – TAMPA DAY”

in the city of Tampa and urge all citizens to recognize the many charitable services provided to the children and families in our community by Shriners Hospitals for Children - Tampa, and congratulate them on this 30th Anniversary milestone.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 24th day of September, 2015.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor