

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, in the United States of America, pancreatic cancer is the fourth leading cause of cancer death and is projected to be the second leading cause by 2020, and in 2015, an estimated 48,960 Americans will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer with approximately 367,000 new cases diagnosed world-wide; and

**WHEREAS**, when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is usually too late for an optimistic prognosis, and as one of the deadliest cancers, 73 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis and within the first five years of diagnosis the survival rate is only seven percent, and this year as many as 3,000 deaths from the disease will occur in the state of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, currently there is no cure for pancreatic cancer and there have been no significant improvements in early detection, treatment methods, or survival rates in the last 40 years. In 2013, the *Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act* was signed into federal law, which calls on the National Cancer Institute to develop a scientific, or strategic plans, for pancreatic cancer and other hard to treat and deadly cancers, whereby providing the direction and guidance needed to make true progress against these diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, the **Pancreatic Cancer Action Network** is the first and only national patient advocacy organization that serves the pancreatic cancer community nationwide by focusing its efforts on public policy, research funding, patient services, public awareness and education related to developing effective treatments and a cure for this devastating disease; and

**WHEREAS**, the good health and well-being of the residents of our community are enhanced by increased awareness about pancreatic cancer, and the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and their affiliates in Tampa, Florida support those patients currently battling pancreatic cancer as well as honor those who have lost their lives to the disease, and are committed to nothing less than a cure; and

**WHEREAS**, annually, the month of November is designated as **Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month** with November 13<sup>th</sup> named **World Pancreatic Cancer Day**, and on Saturday, November 7, 2015, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network will host the *PurpleStride Tampa Bay 5K Run & Family-Friendly Walk* at Alfred Whitted Park in St. Petersburg, Florida, joining cities across the nation in an effort to raise needed funding and awareness.

**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 2015 as

## ***“PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”***

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in doing their part in supporting the efforts to raise awareness, develop early detection methods, treatments and encourage all endeavors to find a cure.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor