

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, the **Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco** (Salesian Sisters), established in 1872 in Mornese, Alessandria, Italy by Saint John Bosco (Don Bosco) and Saint Mary Domenica Mazzarello, is named for Saint Francis de Sales for his kind and gentle ways; and

**WHEREAS**, also known as the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, the Salesian Sisters arrived in the United States of America in 1909 and currently number over 13,000 Sisters who serve in 94 countries worldwide. The second largest order in the Catholic Church, they operate schools, technical training centers, colleges, hospitals and clinics, shelters and orphanages; and

**WHEREAS**, educating by evangelizing, a mission of the Salesian Sisters is to educate young people in and out of the classroom, and they are committed to a community lifestyle which is poor, simple, and welcoming, and they are dedicated to creating an educative presence among poor youth and to the vision of Don Bosco who stated "*It is not enough that you love the young, they must know they are loved;*" and

**WHEREAS**, locally, in Tampa, Florida, the Salesian Sisters are part of the Eastern Province known as Saint Philip the Apostle, and they have committed their lives to educating children, providing moral foundations for their future, and guiding them to be leaders and responsible individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, for over a century, the Salesian Sisters have contributed to the Tampa Bay area including assuming the responsibilities of St. Joseph Catholic School in 1928, establishing the Villa Madonna School in 1936 and the Most Holy Names in Historic Ybor City in 1937, and they founded the Salesian Youth Center in 1995 which serves inner-city youth with after-school programs and summer camps; and

**WHEREAS**, the Salesian Sisters host a ***Thanksgiving Basket Program*** annually to benefit the Salesian Youth Center and Villa Madonna School, and this year the event, held on Saturday, November 21, 2015 at the Salesian Youth Center, honors Joe Chillura, a Tampa Architect, Public Servant and Community Activist for his many accomplishments and contributions to the Tampa Bay area.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida do hereby proclaim Saturday, November 21, 2015 as

## ***"SALESIAN SISTERS THANKSGIVING BASKET DAY"***

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all residents to join me in thanking the Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco for their dedication and commitment to our community, especially the youth they serve, and in congratulating Joe Chillura on this well-deserved recognition.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015.



*City of*  
**Tampa**  
Florida

*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor