

Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, it is important that all children have access to the highest-quality education possible to maximize their full potential and prepare them for successful futures that will in turn contribute to the progress of their community, state, nation and world; and

WHEREAS, the city of Tampa, Florida recognizes the importance of an effective education and is home to many outstanding schools with exceptional and dedicated teaching professionals who are educating the youth of our community through public schools that include magnet and charter, nonpublic private schools, home schooling, and online learning; and

WHEREAS, a nonpolitical, nonpartisan public awareness campaign, National School Choice Week brings to light the many educational choices available to parents, allowing for families to select the kindergarten through twelfth grade (K-12) educational environments that is best for them; and

WHEREAS, National School Choice Week is an annual celebration of educational opportunities held across the United States, this year on January 24-30, 2016, and more than 150,000 special events will take place, raising awareness of the choices available for top-level education for children in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is proud of the diverse and high-quality educational facilities in our community and appreciates the commitment each school and teaching professionals make to ensure the children under their guidance receive the best education and learning experiences possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim January 24-30, 2016 as

"NATIONAL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and encourage families to become aware of the many choices available to them for the best education possible for their children.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 8th day of January, 2016.



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