

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, established on June 7, 1917 by the late Melvin Jones, **Lions Clubs International** is a worldwide secular, non-political service organization with the mission of empowering volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace, and promote international understanding; and

WHEREAS, with the motto *We Serve*, Lions Clubs International is a global leader in community and humanitarian service, and it has 1.4 million members in approximately 46,000 Lions Clubs throughout 210 countries and geographical areas around the world; and

WHEREAS, Lions Clubs International members are dedicated to the many programs in place that serve community needs including environmental concerns, youth, and Disaster Relief, and its Health Programs include sight, hearing and diabetes awareness; and

WHEREAS, Lions Clubs International is a champion for sight and it was initiated in 1925 when Helen Keller, an advocate for people with disabilities, challenged the organization to become “knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness,” and since that day, Lions Clubs International has included sight programs that address preventable blindness; and

WHEREAS, District 35-I of Lions Clubs International, which includes Florida and the Bahamas, is dedicated to the betterment of their communities and aiding those in need, and the more than 1,600 members are actively engaged in service programs that include sight and hearing conservation and aid to the blind and deaf, and the organization encourages citizens to take care of the precious gifts of sight and sound; and

WHEREAS, the *2016 Convention of Lions Clubs International District 35-I* held on Saturday, April 2, 2016 at the Lions Eye Institute for Transplant and Research in Tampa, Florida will include honoring its dedicated membership and celebrating its proud legacy of service and commitment to others that the organization has provided over the years.

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, April 2, 2016 as

“LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 35-I DAY”

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all residents to join me in thanking the members of Lions Clubs International and its District 35-I for their dedication and commitment to improving the quality of life for our community and around the world.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 30th day of March, 2016.



City of
Tampa
Florida

Bob Buckhorn

Mayor