

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, *numismatics* is the study or collection of coins, tokens, paper money and sometimes related objects such as medals, and modern numismatics is the study of monetary devices of the mid-17th century onward; and

WHEREAS, *numismatists* are *collectors* who derive pleasure from the ownership of monetary devices and from studying the coins, *coin dealers* are professional numismatics who authenticate and grade coins for commercial purposes, and they are also *scholars* working in private collections, universities or independently to acquire knowledge about monetary devices including historical context; and

WHEREAS, established in October of 1891, the **American Numismatic Association** (ANA) is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to educating and encouraging people to study and collect money and related items, and it serves the academic community, collectors and the general public who have an interest in numismatics; and

WHEREAS, the American Numismatic Association established National Coin Week in 1924 to bring awareness and knowledge to communities across the nation about the popular pastime of collecting coins, paper money and other numismatic objects; and

WHEREAS, the 93rd Annual National Coin Week on April 17-23, 2016 features the theme *Portraits of Liberty: Icon of Freedom* in honor of the centennial anniversary of three popular United States coin designs; the Mercury (Winged Liberty) dime, the Standing Liberty quarter, and the Walking Liberty half dollar, and clubs around the nation will celebrate by sharing their hobby with others, including Florida United Numismatists (FUN) members, and locally the Tampa Bay Coin Club, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 17-23, 2016 as

“NATIONAL COIN WEEK”

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the significance of coins and paper money, and thank the numismatists who dedicate themselves to collecting and studying monetary objects, preserving their history and value.

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



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor