

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, established in June 2007, **Fashion Week Tampa Bay** is a group composed of professionals in the Tampa Bay area who are committed to leveraging their talents and giving back to our communities; and

WHEREAS, not only will their efforts benefit local charities, they will also result in our area becoming a trendier, more cosmopolitan city that further embraces the creative industries and encourages growth and ingenuity; and

WHEREAS, Fashion Week Tampa Bay is an annual event that celebrates the Tampa Bay area's most talented fashion and accessories designers, and showcases their work for local boutique owners, buyers, and consumers; and

WHEREAS, local business partners, aspiring models, and community members will have an opportunity to experience quality style and trendsetters in their own city, while providing all lovers of creativity a week of positive, high-fashion and artistic energy; and

WHEREAS, Fashion Week is held in numerous communities across the country including New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, San Francisco, and Miami, with the Tampa, Florida event going one step further by including a commitment to community involvement; and

WHEREAS, each Fashion Week Tampa Bay gives back to the community by partnering with non-profits that are committed to the well-being of and service to our world, our children, our health, and our future. The 2016 Fashion Week Tampa Bay will host a purse drive benefitting **Dress for Success Tampa Bay** whose mission is to promote the economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing professional attire, a network of support and the career development tools to help women thrive in work and in life, and a supplies and toiletries drive for the **PACE Center for Girls**, which provides girls and young women an opportunity for a better future through education, counseling and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is pleased to recognize this 9th Annual Fashion Week Tampa Bay event and the many benefits it will provide to our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 21-24, 2016 as

"FASHION WEEK TAMPA BAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all citizens to join in the activities planned for this Fashion Week Tampa Bay event..

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 19th day of August, 2016.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor