

# Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, our nation is built upon the principle that recognizing the inherent dignity, equality and inalienable rights of all persons is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world; and

**WHEREAS**, **Human Rights Day** is celebrated each year globally and the date was chosen to honor the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by United Nations General Assembly on December 10, 1948, one of the first major achievements of the new United Nations, and it promotes awareness of human rights issues at home and around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, human rights violations continue to occur in various forms of discrimination, torture, bullying, incited violence, and it plagues our streets and schools nationwide, and it is imperative that we teach others, especially our youth to be advocates for human rights and mutual respect; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a legal entitlement for every individual to have their rights respected, and an entitlement for everyone to learn what those rights are, and the theme for Human Rights Day 2016 is ***Our Rights. Our Freedoms. Always.*** The year-long campaign's vision is to shine a light on the inalienable and inherent rights of global citizens – now, and always.

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the 68<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations, organizations throughout the world and in the United States will participate in various conferences, exhibitions and events to educate the public on the relevance of respecting and protecting the rights of all people, and to bring awareness to the value of personally becoming advocates of tolerance and peace; and

**WHEREAS**, locally, the Youth for Human Rights, supported by United for Human Rights, will host a ***Stand Up for Human Rights*** event on Saturday, December 10, 2016 in Historic Ybor City and it will include speeches, entertainment, a barbecue and a Human Rights Walk.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Thursday, December 10, 2016 as

## ***"INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY"***

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join me in working to protect the rights of all citizens.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2016



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

