

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, April 2017 marks the 49th Anniversary of the signing of Title VIII of the 1968 Civil Rights Act, also known as the Fair Housing Act which guarantees fair housing opportunities for all Americans by prohibiting discrimination concerning the sale, rental and financing of housing based on race, religion, national origin and sex, enabling individuals to live free and communities open and welcoming to everyone; and

WHEREAS, the provision of fair housing opportunities for all citizens is an important goal of the City of Tampa, and it joins with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, concerned citizens and the housing industry in working to realize the dream of fair and affordable housing for all city residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is proud of its efforts to further fair housing and recognizes that this can only be accomplished through forging partnerships with other governmental agencies, corporations, for profit and non-profit organizations, entrepreneurs, and all persons interested in furthering fair housing; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of **Fair Housing Month**, the City of Tampa and the Tampa Bay Fair Housing Consortium are hosting a *Fair Housing Symposium* on Friday, April 21, 2017 at the Tampa Convention Center, and the mission of the all-day event is to affirmatively further fair housing through quality fair housing education and outreach programs in the entire Tampa Bay area, and to celebrate the right of all persons to live in a strong, sustainable and inclusive community; and

WHEREAS, by supporting, promoting and enforcing fair housing laws, as well as equal opportunity, we are contributing to the quality of our city, state, and nation by encouraging others to abide by the letter and the spirit of the Federal Fair Housing Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2017 as

“FAIR HOUSING MONTH”

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to observe this month by recognizing, preserving and promoting each person’s right to housing within their means without regard to their status.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 1st day of April, 2017.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor