

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, providing the very best quality hospice and palliative care reaffirms our belief in the essential dignity of every person, regardless of age, health, or social status, and that every stage of human life deserves to be treated with utmost respect and care; and

WHEREAS, **Seasons Hospice & Palliative Care**, established in 1997, provides patients and families the highest quality care during life-limiting illness and at the end of life, and its motto is *Honoring Life – Offering Hope*, and professional and compassionate staff, including physicians, nurses, hospice aides, social workers, therapists, counselors, consultants, clergy, and volunteers provide comprehensive care focused on the level of care needed and the wishes of each individual patient; and

WHEREAS, celebrating its 20th Anniversary this year, Seasons Hospice & Palliative Care is a community based organization dedicated to putting its patients first, enhancing their quality life wherever possible through meeting their medical, psychosocial and spiritual needs that include providing musical therapy, information so they may make educated choices for themselves, and the staff provides pain and symptom management, medical equipment and supplies to keep their patients comfortable and clean; and

WHEREAS, ranked among the top ten largest privately held hospice companies in the United States, the organization currently has 25 Medicare-certified locations around the nation including the new office of **Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care of Hillsborough** located in Tampa, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Seasons Hospice Foundation was established as a not-for-profit in 2011 and has awarded more than \$4 million in charity care that includes wish fulfillment, extended support, special programs, community education, research for end-of-life care and other beneficial initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Seasons Hospice & Palliative Care of Hillsborough is hosting a *20th Anniversary Celebration* on Saturday, April 1, 2017 and the staff, volunteers and guests will recognize all that has been accomplished by the company over the past two decades and celebrate the officially opening the Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care of Hillsborough's new office in the Westshore District of Tampa.

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 Saturday, April 1, 2017 as

“SEASONS HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE DAY”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and encourage citizens to increase their understanding and awareness of care at the end of life and wish Seasons Hospice & Palliative Care continued success.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 17th day of March, 2017.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

