

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, over the years, the United States has achieved significant increases in life expectancy and reductions in the incidence of injury, disability and disease; and

WHEREAS, public health is credited with the majority of improvements in the public's health status and expanded life expectancy, and public health succeeds by identifying and addressing patterns of disease, illness and injury in populations; and

WHEREAS, public health professionals have contributed to the decline in illness and injury, including heart disease and stroke, tobacco-related diseases, infectious diseases, motor vehicle and workplace injuries; and

WHEREAS, locally, the *Florida Department of Health in Hillsborough County* serve the needs of the Tampa community and is committed to its mission of protecting, promoting and improving the health of all people through integrated state, county, and community efforts; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated Florida Department of Health in Hillsborough County public health professionals provide valuable and needed health services, monitor and respond to emerging health threats, and promote healthy choices to the public including immunization against infectious disease, maintaining high nutritional standards, and good prenatal care; and

WHEREAS, *Public Health Services Week* provides the opportunity to recognize the contributions and impact made by public health professionals throughout the nation that enhances and improves the quality of life of those in the communities they serve.

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 week of May 7-13, 2017 as

“PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES WEEK”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to begin healthier lifestyle choices today and recognize the important role our public health professionals play in our lives.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 28th day of April, 2017.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

