

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, the gardeners of the United States produce the food which feeds our citizens and they have a passion for nurturing the beauty and resources of the earth, and they work to preserve our traditional spirit of independence and initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, gardening instills in people a greater respect and care for our environment and natural resources, thereby furnishing a challenging and productive full or part-time activity for a large number of our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tampa, Florida community is home to many dedicated garden clubs including the *Davis Islands Garden Club*, originally organized in 1936 and chartered in 1953, and the *Tampa Garden Club*, established in 1928, and both organizations are committed to the beautification of our community and are members of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. and National Garden Clubs, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, the hundreds of garden club members throughout our neighborhoods are devoted to encouraging the growing of flowers, plants and shrubbery in private and public locations, the protection of birds and wildlife, the preservation and conservation of natural resources, the education of their members and the public in gardening, horticulture, and nature studies; and

**WHEREAS**, with the national theme *Leap Into Action*, National Garden Week is celebrated this year June 4-11, 2017, and it brings awareness to the dedication of the gardeners in our communities who work to promote the National Garden Clubs objectives of beautification, education of environmental efforts, gardening and involvement in neighborhood garden clubs including encouraging new member participation and working with other garden organizations.

**WHEREAS**, the garden clubs in the Tampa Bay area during the 2017 National Garden Week are hosting activities including the Tampa Garden Club's "Kids in the Garden" Day Camp, floral displays at Hillsborough County libraries, and presentations promoting community gardens.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida do hereby proclaim June 4-11, 2017 as

## ***"NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK"***

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all residents to join me in recognizing the beauty found in our city as a result of gardeners and their skills, and thanking them and the garden clubs of Tampa for making our community a more beautiful place to live.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.



*Bob Buckhorn*  
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Mayor