

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, a vital public service, **Forensic Science** is the application of science to criminal and civil laws, and it is normally identified with law enforcement and the prosecution of criminal cases; and

**WHEREAS**, used around the world, forensic sciences resolve civil disputes, justly enforce criminal laws and government regulations, and protect public health through objective scientific analysis that is vital in finding the truth and in seeking justice in legal proceedings; and

**WHEREAS**, an important part of the criminal justice system, public outreach, and crime prevention, forensic science dramatically improves and enhances the investigation of criminal activity, leading to the exoneration of the innocent and prosecution of the guilty; and

**WHEREAS**, crime scene investigators, forensic examiners, and forensic scientists, including the members of the Tampa Police Department's Forensic Investigation Unit (FIU) are dedicated to providing unbiased, accurate, and reliable analysis of evidence recovered, and committed to proper scientific investigations for the cause of justice; and

**WHEREAS**, National Forensic Science Week was established to recognize and advance quality forensic science, and to bring awareness to the public about the importance of forensic science in modern criminal justice and the dedication demonstrated by forensic professionals in our community and around the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tampa Police Department's Forensic Investigation Unit will bring awareness to Forensic Science with a large Crime Lab display on Franklin Street in downtown Tampa and provide the opportunity for the public to learn more about their role and how it supports law enforcement.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 17-23, 2017 as

## **“NATIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE WEEK”**

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in expressing appreciation for the committed forensic professionals for their devotion to truth and justice, and commitment to the safety and well-being of others.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor