

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, optimal health is vital for individuals to excel and to maintain a good quality of life, and people rely on health care professionals to address medical concerns and assist in preventive care; and

WHEREAS, **Medical Assistants** contribute greatly to health care and play an important role in keeping Americans healthy, and they are dedicated to being a part of maintaining healthy communities; and

WHEREAS, Medical Assistants are committed to excellence, and are multi-skilled allied health professionals who perform a wide range of administrative and clinical roles with professionalism, expertise, and dedication; and

WHEREAS, Medical Assistants work alongside physicians to assist with patient care, and among the many duties they perform include computer applications, office maintenance, insurance coding and forms, bookkeeping and patient interactions such as taking medical histories, examination preparation, laboratory testing, medication and diet instructions, drawing blood and testing; and

WHEREAS, annually, the third week in October is designated as **Medical Assistants Recognition Week**, and one day during the week is highlighted as **Medical Assistants Recognition Day**, this year on October 18, 2017, and it brings awareness about the occupation and celebrates the skilled professionals who provide an invaluable service that enhances the physician and patient relationship and who are considered the *Heart of Health Care*; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 16-20, 2017 as

“MEDICAL ASSISTANTS RECOGNITION WEEK”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing this dedicated group of health care professionals and in thanking them for the many contributions they make to the health and well-being of the citizen of our community and nation.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 12th day of October, 2017.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

