

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, an estimated one in eight Americans struggle with hunger on a daily basis, affecting children, single parents struggling to support their families, the elderly, and those with limited incomes, and the people affected can be anyone including a neighbor, church member, co-worker or student; and

WHEREAS, **Feeding America**®, the nation's largest domestic hunger relief organization, began over three decades ago in Phoenix, Arizona, and its mission is to feed America's hungry through a nationwide network of member food banks and engage the country in the fight to end hunger; and

WHEREAS, locally, **Feeding Tampa Bay**, whose mission is to change lives one meal at a time by leading the community in the fight against hunger, has served the Florida counties of Citrus, Hardee, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, and Sumter for 35 years, and during this time has provided over 395 million meals to hard working adults, families, children and seniors in the community; and

WHEREAS, through rescuing millions of pounds of food each year, Feeding Tampa Bay has been the backbone of hunger relief in the region, and the organization sources surplus food donations from local farmers, retail stores and manufacturers, and it manages direct feeding programs as well as supply food for more than 600 agency partners including Metropolitan Ministries, Salvation Army and Boys & Girls Clubs, and they ensure healthy nourishment by distributing mostly fresh produce, dairy, meats, and 100 percent fruit juices; and

WHEREAS, Feeding Tampa Bay is known as a leader in food relief, and the organization has received well deserved recognition for its efforts in feeding the hungry in our community including WEDU Public Broadcasting Service's *Non-profit of the Year*, Tampa Bay Business Journal's *Non-profit of the Year in Crisis Resources* and the Bank of America's *Neighborhood Builder Award*.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Monday, November 6, 2017 as

“FEEDING TAMPA BAY ANNIVERSARY DAY”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all citizens to join me in thanking Feeding Tampa Bay, their partners and supporters for this important commitment to the hungry in our community, congratulating them on this 35th Anniversary milestone, and in wishing them continued success.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 6th day of November, 2017.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

