

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, the Veterans of the United States Armed Forces have served this nation in times of both peace and war, and in doing so have assured the safety and prosperity of all our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, as we enjoy our freedom, we should remember the sacrifices made on our behalf by the men and women of the United States Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Navy who bravely served our country to protect the liberty of Americans and others around the globe; and

**WHEREAS**, to honor all United States veterans who have valiantly served, Veterans Day, originally called Armistice Day, became a national holiday on November 11, 1938, and annually, throughout the nation, tribute is paid to those veterans, living or dead, for their efforts and sacrifices in service to our country; and

**WHEREAS**, established in 1968, Hillsborough Community College (HCC), whose mascot is the Hawk, is a public, comprehensive institution of higher learning located in Tampa, Florida, and its Athletic Director and Head Coach Derrick Worrels created the HCC Men's Basketball Team's *Hawk's Veterans Day Classic* in 2012 as an annual event to honor those men and women who have served our beloved country; and

**WHEREAS**, this year, the Hawk's Veterans Day Classic is held on November 10-11, 2017 at the HCC Dale Mabry Campus, and it includes basketball competitions featuring the HCC Hawks, the IMG Academy Ascenders, the Miami Dade College Sharks and the Daytona State College Falcons, and the event includes free admission for those attendees with valid military identification and special recognition of new recruits, active duty personnel and veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa joins in the tribute to the many citizens that have served, and are continuing to serve, in the protection of our country and its freedoms, and is appreciative of the price many have paid.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim on Veterans Day, Saturday, November 11, 2017 as

## **“HAWK'S VETERANS DAY CLASSIC”**

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing all Military Service Personnel and Veterans, and thanking them for the extraordinary service and sacrifices they have made on our nation's behalf.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

