

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the month of March has been declared **Colon Cancer Awareness Month** in an effort to promote colon cancer screening and its important role in preventing colon cancer, a commonly diagnosed cancer and second leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the United States; and

WHEREAS, a gastroenterologist is a physician who treats digestive diseases and disorders involving the gastrointestinal tract (GI) that includes colon cancer, and the area of expertise of gastroenterologists, GI nurses and associates include the esophagus, stomach, small intestine, large intestine and rectum, and the accessory digestion organs of the liver, gallbladder, and pancreas; and

WHEREAS, gastroenterology (GI) nurses and associates are dedicated to promoting colon cancer awareness and take an active role in the treatment of patients who have had a screening colonoscopy or other endoscopic procedure; and

WHEREAS, the Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates (SGNA) is a professional organization of nurses and associates dedicated to the safe and effective practice of gastroenterology and endoscopy nursing through education, research, advocacy, and collaboration, and it is dedicated to promoting the professional development of its members in an atmosphere of support; and

WHEREAS, SGNA has over sixty regional chapters throughout the United States with five located in Florida, and locally, our community is represented by the Central Florida Regional Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates who are dedicated to the well-being of Tampa residents, and the City of Tampa is pleased to recognize these medical professionals during Colon Cancer Awareness Month for their efforts in ensuring a healthy quality of life for our citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 26-30, 2018 as

“GI NURSES AND ASSOCIATES DAY”

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to educate themselves on the importance of colon cancer screening and in thanking gastroenterology nurses and associates for their commitment to this cause and for their dedication to the care of their patients.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 22nd day of March, 2018.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

