

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, with homeownership, a sense of pride is established and its appearance can be a reflection of those who reside there; and

WHEREAS, many homeowners are on fixed incomes, and although they desire to make improvements, do not have the financial means or the physical ability to take on some needed tasks; and

WHEREAS, celebrating its 30th Anniversary, **Paint Your Heart Out Tampa** (PYHOT) was established in 1988 to paint the homes of low income elderly, disabled, and veteran citizens in the Tampa area; and

WHEREAS, the Paint Your Heart Out Tampa event has been led by Jerry Hansen for three decades, and under his leadership the organizers work throughout the year selecting houses based on set criteria, coordinate the volunteers and teams, collect donations of supplies, labor and money, identify sponsors, select paint and trim colors, and pressure wash and prepare the selected homes; and

WHEREAS, since its beginnings, more than 69,140 volunteers have contributed to PYHOT's success, have used 42,529 gallons of paint and have painted and repaired over 2,900 homes in the community, restoring pride in the neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, for the thirtieth consecutive year, approximately 2,500 volunteers will join together with paint and brushes on April 21, 2018 for the annual Paint Your Heart Out Tampa event, and the contribution of over 18,000 volunteer hours will once again beautify homes in the community, helping to restore self-esteem and enhance the quality of life for those who reside there.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Saturday, April 21, 2018 as

“PAINT YOUR HEART OUT TAMPA DAY”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in congratulating PYHOT on this milestone 30th Anniversary and in thanking Jerry Hansen, the organizers, volunteers, sponsors and supporters for their efforts in improving the lives of others.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 21st day of April, 2018.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

