

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, lung cancer is the number one cancer killer of men and women in the United States, and in the last thirty-nine years, the rate of new lung cancer cases has fallen 32 percent among men, but has increased by 94 percent among women, statistics show one in seventeen women will get lung cancer in her lifetime; and

WHEREAS, since 1904, when it was first established as the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, the **American Lung Association** has led the fight for healthy lungs and healthy air, and its mission is to save lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease, and the organization is committed to its goals through advocacy and increased awareness; and

WHEREAS, in Florida and locally in the city of Tampa, the American Lung Association provides critical programs and services designed to reach those affected by lung disease through support programs, and it offers continuing education to update physicians, respiratory therapists, nurses and other health care professionals on the latest techniques and advances in pulmonary medicine; and

WHEREAS, the second full week in May has been designated **National Women's Lung Health Week** to bring awareness about lung health to women, and its signature color turquoise denotes the American Lung Association has established **LUNG FORCE**, a national initiative to unite women and their loved ones across the country to stand together against lung cancer and for lung health; and

WHEREAS, the mission of LUNG FORCE is making lung cancer past history, and uniting women to stand together with a collective strength and determination to lead the fight against lung cancer and for optimum lung health, and its **Turquoise Takeover** initiative encourages individuals and organizations to wear the color or change their profiles to the color turquoise during Women's Lung Health Week to show support and bring about awareness; and

WHEREAS, during National Women's Lung Health Week, the Turquoise Takeover features a social campaign, **#ShowYourLUNGFORCE** to show the many ways people use their lungs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim the week of May 6-12, 2018 as

"NATIONAL WOMEN'S LUNG HEALTH WEEK"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to become educated about lung health and to join me in thanking the dedicated members of the American Lung Association for their efforts and commitment to the well-being of American citizens and in making women's lung health a priority.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 5th day of April, 2018.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

