

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, Shriners International is a world-wide fraternal organization, with the first Temple organized in the United States in 1872, and the Imperial Council, the governing body of the Shriners, officially established on June 6, 1876, with its headquarters located in Tampa, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Shriners are a brotherhood of men committed to family, engaged in ongoing personal growth, and dedicated to providing care for children and families in need, and are bound together by shared values and a desire to have fun, do good, and build relationships that can last a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, locally, Egypt Shriners Temple was established in Tampa, Florida on June 6, 1918, and it currently has 2,000 members in area Shriner Clubs and Units in the Tampa Bay area who are dedicated to benevolence and helping children and families; and

WHEREAS, well-known for its philanthropic efforts, Shriners International is especially noted for its *Shriners Hospitals for Children*® that first opened in 1922, and today has a network of twenty facilities throughout the United States, and one in Canada and one in Mexico, that provide expert medical care to children, including those with orthopedic needs, pediatric burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate conditions, with no financial obligation to the patients or their families; and

WHEREAS, Shriners Hospitals for Children are pioneers in expert techniques and treatments, and its mission is to provide the highest quality care to children without regard to race, color, creed, sex or sect, disability, national origin or ability to pay with admission based solely on medical need, and its vision is to become the best at transforming children's lives by providing exceptional healthcare through innovative research, in a patient and family centered environment; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of the organization's **100th Anniversary**, Egypt Shriners Temple is hosting an *Anniversary Celebration* on June 2, 2018 at Centro Asturiano de Tampa, and the event will provide the opportunity for the Shriners and guests to reflect on all that has been accomplished over the past century, and the impact their efforts have made on the community, the nation, and in the lives of so many children and their families.

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

“EGYPT SHRINERS TEMPLE DAY”

in the city of Tampa and urge all citizens to recognize the many charitable services provided by Egypt Shriners Temple in the Tampa community, Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children® and in thanking the organization's members for their dedication and contributions locally, nationally and globally.

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



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor