

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, grandmothers and grandfathers are an integral part of families and society as a whole, and they bring a special love, gifts of wisdom and caregiving, and they share valuable life experiences with the generations that follow them; and

WHEREAS, grandparents and other caregivers who take care of children in their family that are not their own, provide nurturing and joy, and they establish a unique connection with the children, offering strength and guidance; and

WHEREAS, Grandparents Day was established in the state of Virginia in 1956 through the efforts of Marian McQuade with the purpose of educating the youth about the importance of the many contributions seniors have made throughout history, and it became a national holiday in 1978, when then-President Jimmy Carter proclaimed that the first Sunday after Labor Day would annually be known as Grandparents Day; and

WHEREAS, this year, Grandparents Day is celebrated nationally on Sunday, September 9, 2018, and families around the nation will honor the grandparents in their lives with special recognitions, celebrations and the gift of time together; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Grandparents Day, the Children's Home Network Kinship Program and other dedicated community partners will host **Grandparents Day Celebration 2018** on Friday, September 14, 2018 at the Children's Board of Hillsborough County, and the event honors grandparents and other relative caregivers who provide love and support for their grandchildren and other young people in their lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Friday, September 14, 2018 as

"GRANDPARENTS DAY CELEBRATION 2018"

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the contributions of the grandparents in our community and impact their guidance and love has had on others.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 3rd day of August, 2018.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

