

# Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, founded in 1997, **Dress for Success Worldwide** is headquartered in New York City, New York, and is a non-profit organization with more than 150 offices located in 30 countries, and the organization is part of a global movement for change, empowering women to obtain safer and better futures; and

**WHEREAS**, **Dress for Success Tampa Bay**, established in 1998 by Pat Ellington, is an affiliate of Dress for Success Worldwide, and its mission is to empower Tampa Bay area women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire and development tools to help them thrive in the workplace and gain self-sufficiency in life; and

**WHEREAS**, Dress for Success Tampa Bay is a network of dedicated, energetic and generous people consisting of a board of directors, staff, volunteers, members of the community who donate professional clothing, accessories and funds, and community partners including non-profit organizations, government agencies, homeless shelters, immigration services, job training and educational institutions, domestic violence shelters and many others committed to the Dress for Success mission; and

**WHEREAS**, the goals of Dress for Success Tampa Bay are realized through its core programs that include *Suiting* at the Dress for Success Boutique whereby clients may select appropriate attire for job interviews and the workplace, *Employment Retention* to help stabilize careers, and *Job Training* that provides support, encouragement and confidence building; and

**WHEREAS**, Dress for Success Tampa Bay, celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, has served over 25,000 individuals since it was founded, and its clients have all received professional career development services and approximately 87 percent of them gained employment after completing the organization's programs; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of its milestone 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Dress for Success Tampa Bay is hosting an **Anniversary Luncheon** on Wednesday, October 10, 2018, featuring the theme **20 Years! Making Dreams a Reality** and keynote speaker **Lauren Dungy**, Vice-President of the Dungy Foundation, motivational speaker, author and community activist, and the event offers the opportunity to celebrate all that has been accomplished over the past two decades.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, October 10, 2018 as

## ***“DRESS FOR SUCCESS TAMPA BAY DAY”***

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in thanking the Dress for Success Tampa Bay organization, its volunteers and supporters for their positive impact and dedication to the success of others in our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor