

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, Gemütlichkeit is a German-language word known globally for conveying friendliness, good cheer, a sense of belonging and well-being, and it is celebrated with public festivity with a mixture of music, food and drink; and

WHEREAS, in Tampa, Florida, following the tradition of the festival of Gemütlichkeit, the annual **Oktoberfest Tampa** is a popular event established in 2010 by Nicol Winkler and Adam Lenfest with the mission of celebrating the rich culture of the Tampa Bay community; and

WHEREAS, the 9th Annual **Oktoberfest Tampa** held October 12-14, 2018, will transform Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park into the city's largest beergarden along Tampa's Riverwalk; and

WHEREAS, Oktoberfest Tampa will include disc jockey DJ Jay Kay from Germany, live music, dancing, attendees wearing traditional dirndl dresses and lederhosen leather breeches, and prize winning games including Stein Hoisting, Keg Stacking, Tug-O-War, Brat Toss, and more; and

WHEREAS, Oktoberfest Tampa once again features its signature beer, the *Oktoberfest Tampa Dunkel*, a dark German lager brewed by Tampa's Coppertail Brewing Company, and a variety of other beer including traditional German Pils and a Märzen lager; and

WHEREAS, this exciting Oktoberfest Tampa event is free for the men and women of the United States Armed Forces and City of Tampa's first responders, and it supports the *Are You Safe* nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide legal and social services to victims of domestic violence and to promote awareness and education within the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 12-14, 2018 as

"OKTOBERFEST TAMPA WEEK"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all citizens to join in the festivities that celebrates Tampa's diversity, culture, and community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 18th day of September, 2018.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

