

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, in its ninth year, **Joy of Giving Tampa**, a Christmas Festival, was founded on a vision by the late Pastor Greg Powe of Revealing Truth Ministries and Joe Capitano, Sr., and championed by Thaddeus Bullard with the purpose of bringing the community together to benefit local families and children; and

WHEREAS, the Joy of Giving Tampa's mission is to unite the community by providing the most vulnerable children and their families a day of Christmas celebration filled with gifts, fun, food, entertainment, and access to life transforming resources, and this is accomplished through the generosity of local businesses, nonprofits, churches and individuals; and

WHEREAS, a multi-organizational co-operative event, the Joy of Giving Tampa celebration recognizes that each child and family member served is made in the image of God and therefore has immeasurable worth and value; and

WHEREAS, with a goal of crossing denominational, demographic, socioeconomic and racial boundaries, the Joy of Giving Tampa event is a citywide effort that joins together people, faith groups, businesses, and organizations, and it unifies the community to bring joy and smiles to others, especially the children; and

WHEREAS, presented by Thaddeus Bullard (WWE Superstar Titus O'Neil), the Bullard Family Foundation (BFF), Stepp's Towing, and Walmart, the **2018 Joy of Giving Tampa** is a free event held at Raymond James Stadium on Saturday, December 22, 2018, featuring food, games, entertainment including a special performance by five-time Grammy Award winner Yolanda Adams and Grammy Award nominee Rapper Desiigner, and gifts to children and families, and the day will uplift and enrich all in attendance.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Saturday, December 22, 2018 as

“JOY OF GIVING TAMPA DAY”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in thanking the Joy of Giving Tampa founders, presenters, supporters, and volunteers for their efforts and dedication in making sure the approximately 25,000 in attendance have the opportunity to celebrate in this season of giving.

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



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor