

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, in the United States of America, it is estimated that 1,129,813 people are living with or in remission from blood cancers such as leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma, and approximately 149,990 new cases are expected to be diagnosed this year; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1949, the **Leukemia & Lymphoma Society** (LLS), by means of voluntary contributions, is dedicated to finding cures for these diseases through research efforts and committed to the support for those that suffer from them, and its mission is to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families, and its Key Priority ensures *The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society helps blood cancer patients live better, longer lives*; and

WHEREAS, the world's largest voluntary health agency dedicated to blood cancer, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society has been funding research for more than six decades and has a remarkable record of supporting investigations that lead to improved diagnostics and more effective therapies; and

WHEREAS, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society believes that patient participation in clinical trials is the key to continuing improvements in outcomes for patients with hematologic malignancies, and considers it vital that every effort is made to ensure patient access to those trials; and

WHEREAS, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Suncoast Chapter, Tampa, Florida will host its inspirational **16th Annual Light The Night® Walk** at Tampa's Water Works Park on Friday, November 21, 2014 with the theme ***For One Magical Evening, Hope Doesn't Just Flicker...It Floats!*** to honor local residents that are living with blood cancers, joining other communities across the United States and Canada, and the evening will feature participants carrying illuminated lanterns – **red** to signify their personal commitment to the cause, **white** for the cancer survivors to carry as a glowing symbol of hope, and **gold** in memory of those loved ones whose lives were lost to cancer; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is similarly committed to the eradication of these diseases and supports the treatment of its citizens that suffer from them.

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, November 21, 2014 as

“LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCIETY DAY”

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to become more familiar with blood related cancers and to participate in voluntary activities to support education programs and the funding of research in an effort to find a cure for these diseases.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 28th day of October, 2014.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor