

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, all life is interconnected and interdependent, and all people share in the universal bond of love; and

**WHEREAS**, love begins with self-acceptance and forgiveness, and grows to include empathy for others; and

**WHEREAS**, with respect and compassion, communities embrace diversity and make a difference through love; and

**WHEREAS**, Hillsborough County is home to a rich cultural tapestry and has a strong sense of community founded upon the principle of mutual love and respect for one's neighbor; and

**WHEREAS**, further tightening the bonds between people in the community increases the happiness and well-being of all residents; and

**WHEREAS**, building upon the unity and harmony cultivated over generations ensures Hillsborough County remains a caring, inviting place where visitors feel welcome, and this improves the prosperity of all; and

**WHEREAS**, The Love Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit organization, has announced Global Love Day to facilitate love and peace in local neighborhoods and around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, Global Love Day will generate local and worldwide focus to encourage each person to follow this year's theme of "Love Begins with Me,"

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County, Florida does hereby declare May 1, 2016, as

## Global Love Day

in Hillsborough County, and invites all residents to observe this day of forgiveness and unconditional love, which will act as a model for all to follow each day.

Executed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2016



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