

# Proclamation

CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG

*Rick Kriseman, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, the City of St. Petersburg has been designated as a Best Workplace for Commuters (BWC), recognizing the outstanding commuter benefits that meet or exceed the National Standard of Excellence in commuter benefits, for which the City will receive national recognition; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has partnered with the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) for all stages of the BWC application, implementation, and evaluation process; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's Comprehensive Plan provides for the promotion of strategies such as "carpooling and vanpooling programs, public transportation services, improved facilities for bicyclists and pedestrians, flexible work hours, telecommuting and parking management"; and

**WHEREAS**, an objective of Sustainable St. Petersburg is to improve the city's STAR Communities certification from a 3-STAR Community to a 5-STAR Community, and the 'Transportation Choices' portion of that rating is a key area for improvement – the BWC recognition makes a positive contribution to that effort; and

**WHEREAS**, the BWC award recognizes existing commuter options including the City's participation in PSTA's Universal Pass (U-Pass) Program which allows all City employees to ride PSTA buses at no cost, provisions for secure employee bicycle parking at the Municipal Services Center, and administrative policies that support telework options; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has a long history of promoting commuting choices to its employees, including the Employee Commuter Choices Program and administrative policies such as the Telecommute Pilot Program, and flex-time schedules; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has partnered with TBARTA to host a Commuter Choices Day event in Williams Park on October 18, 2017, from 11 am to 2 pm to highlight all of the commuting resources available to commuters in St. Petersburg.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Kriseman, Mayor of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 2017 as**

## COMMUTER CHOICES MONTH

in St. Petersburg, and I urge all residents to join me in this special observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of the City of St. Petersburg, County of Pinellas, and State of Florida to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2017.

Rick Kriseman  
Mayor