



# Proclamation

## Buckner International

WHEREAS, Dr. R.C. "Father" Buckner founded Buckner Orphans Home in 1879 after seeing the needs of hurting and orphan children in post-Civil War Texas. It was Father Buckner's deep compassion for the hopeless and helpless that served as the driving force behind the ministry that would later become Buckner International. He constantly looked for innovative ways to deliver social ministries, including those to elders, combining his theological beliefs with a progressive social conscience; and,

WHEREAS, **Buckner International** today is an international Christian ministry serving people through a variety of programs designed to protect children and build strong families. These programs include foster care and adoption, family transition programs, community-based family preservation programs and retirement services for the elderly. It also provides humanitarian aid and crisis relief to poverty-stricken families in the U.S. and worldwide; and,

WHEREAS, **Buckner International** transforms the lives of Houstonians by focusing on improving the lives of individuals and families in communities that experience moderate to extreme poverty by providing a holistic ministry approach through the Buckner Family Hope Center. It provides single-parent families the opportunity to live in a safe, secure environment while completing their educational or vocational goals and learning the skills needed to become self-sufficient through Buckner Family Pathways. It offers foster care and adoption to children who have experienced neglect or abuse through Buckner Foster Care and Adoption. It also cares for seniors through the distinctive senior lifestyle offered by Buckner Parkway Place and through the life-honoring care of Buckner Hospice; and,

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2017, **Buckner International** will be honored in anticipation of the grand opening of its latest Buckner Family Hope Center location in Houston in 2018. The City of Houston commends **Buckner International** for their commitment to helping Houston's most vulnerable and extends best wishes for continued success.

THEREFORE, I, Sylvester Turner, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaim May 9, 2017, as

## Buckner International Day

in Houston, Texas.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Houston to be affixed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.

Sylvester Turner  
Mayor of the City of Houston

