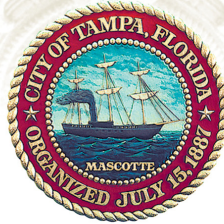


Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the State of Florida leads the nation in the number of questionable claims for Personal Injury Protection fraud from staged accidents as reported by the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB), which estimates as much as 20% of a driver's insurance premium goes to cover fraud; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa has the highest number of such claims reported in the state, ahead of the City of Miami, and nearly double the number of claims in the City of Orlando; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Police Department has recognized these statistics and partnered with the Florida Region of Allstate Insurance to provide a live demonstration of a staged accident as a way to increase awareness of the crime to the general public; and

WHEREAS, the news media will use this demonstration as a platform to educate drivers about staged accidents and the rise in insurance fraud in Florida with the assistance of Allstate and NICB; and

WHEREAS, Florida's Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater has agreed to participate in the staged accident demonstration event as he ramps up statewide efforts to fight fraud; and

WHEREAS, Allstate Insurance continues to show its dedication to fighting fraud in the City of Tampa and the State of Florida through this and other similar awareness efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by the virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida do hereby proclaim April 7, 2011 as

"ALLSTATE AUTO FRAUD AWARENESS DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to become educated about staged accidents and PIP fraud so they may recognize the signs of abuse in their community and encourage everyone to do his or her part to help eliminate fraud in Florida.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 6th day of April, 2011



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

