

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Islamic community has become a vibrant part of the Tampa Bay area with the Tampa Bay Muslim Alliance (TBMA) representing the Islamic faith within our city and the West Central Florida state area; and

WHEREAS, the TBMA and its members support the advancement of individuals, organizations and institutions in achieving excellence in the Tampa Bay area by promoting events that exemplify citizenship of our great county, the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the TBMA helps the underprivileged and the underserved by enabling them to achieve independence, self sufficiency and self respect; and

WHEREAS, TBMA endeavors to support and recognize citizens – Muslims or non-Muslims – who strive to achieve higher goals of citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the TBMA promotes the advancement of civil society by promotion of moral, cultural, and social values, irrespective of race, religion, color, or creed; and

WHEREAS, TBMA advocates cooperation, understanding and continuous dialogue between all faiths, all races, and all ethnicities, to achieve a just, peaceful, and harmonious society; and

WHEREAS, the TBMA has held 13 yearly festivals to give generously to the underprivileged in the community by providing food, clothing, toys, medical tests, and other necessities. This year, TBMA will hold its 14th Annual Islamic Charity Festival on April 17 at Riverfront Park in downtown Tampa.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 17, 2011 as

"ISLAMIC CHARITY FESTIVAL DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all citizens to join in the festivities at Riverfront Park in downtown Tampa on this date.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 5th day of April, 2011.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor