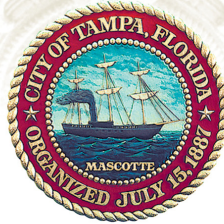


Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, on April 22, 1970, more than 20 million people across America celebrated Earth Day by participating in teach-ins, neighborhood cleanups, bill signings, and scores of other activities to demonstrate their concern for the environment and to learn more about nature, ecology, and broader environmental concerns; and

WHEREAS, in the years since the first Earth Day, despite environmental improvements, the health of the planet is increasingly endangered, threatened by global warming, tropical deforestation, and ground, air, and water pollution, requiring action by all sectors of society; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 41st Anniversary of Earth Day and provides a pivotal opportunity for individuals, corporations and governments to join together and create a global green economy. Locally, Earth Day 2011 serves to educate our community on many important issues from land, water, and energy conservation to mass transportation, wildlife appreciation, and promoting the greenways, blueways, and park systems so essential to our quality of life here in Tampa; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Chapter of the Sierra Club will hold a city-wide celebration on April 21, 2011 in an effort to educate citizens on the importance of acting in an environmentally-sensitive manner by recycling, conserving energy and water, using efficient transportation, and adopting more ecologically sound lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa will also be recognizing the 41st anniversary of Earth Day with a celebration in Lykes Park on April 21. Included in this recognition will be a tree planting, displays by various city departments and businesses involved in green initiatives, and presentations stressing the importance of being environmentally friendly; and

WHEREAS, included in these free celebrations will be special exhibits on local parks, recreation, waterways, preserves, and wildlife education along with arts and crafts, children's activities, live music and entertainment, and information on energy and water conservation and green home and garden products.

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 21, 2011 as

"EARTH DAY TAMPA BAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in pledging to do our utmost to save the planet and our community through environmental awareness.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 21st day of April, 2011.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor