

Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, water is one of Tampa's most valuable natural resources; and

WHEREAS, not only does tap water deliver public health protection and fire protection, it also supports Tampa's economy and the quality of life we enjoy; and

WHEREAS, any measure of a successful society - low mortality rates, economic growth and diversity, productivity, and public safety - is greatly influenced by its access to safe drinking water; and

WHEREAS, many dedicated men and women have made significant contributions to the development, operation, and daily maintenance of our public water systems; and

WHEREAS, we are all charged with being stewards of the water infrastructure upon which future generations will depend to receive clean drinking water; and

WHEREAS, each citizen of Tampa is encouraged to join in the effort to help protect our source waters from pollution, to practice water conservation, and to get involved in local water issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim the week of May 1 through May 7, 2011 as

"DRINKING WATER WEEK"

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join me in supporting the efforts of the men and women who are dedicated to ensuring our city's growing water needs will be met in the safest, most efficient, and expeditious manner.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 20th day of April, 2011.

Bob Buchhow

Mayor