

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, Older Americans are strengthening our communities and the American way of life and many are remaining in the workforce to support themselves and their families, some embarking on second careers; and

**WHEREAS**, older persons serve as advocates and volunteers in community service roles making a real difference in the daily lives of fellow citizens of all ages, while promoting and strengthening the American spirit of civic participation; and

**WHEREAS**, gifts of wisdom are bestowed by Older Americans and they provide insight upon the younger generation and strengthen the bonds between neighbors creating a better place to live; and

**WHEREAS**, Older Americans are owed a debt of gratitude and we must work to ensure they age with dignity, providing home and community-based services, including health promotion and preventive care programs that will enable them to live more independent and healthier lives; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tampa Housing Authority will honor seniors throughout its public housing communities and in the City of Tampa during the month of May as part of Older American Month with programs and special activities; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's theme for Older Americans Month "Older Americans Connecting the Community" serves as a directive for communities to provide services, technologies and support systems that allow seniors to foster and maintain connections within the community.

**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 month of May, 2011 as

## ***"OLDER AMERICAN MONTH"***

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in honoring and recognizing the senior citizens throughout our community for the many contributions they have made throughout their lives to the progress and success of our city, our state, and our nation.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor