

Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the vibrant and time honored traditions of caring in Tampa shine proudly forth through the noteworthy contributions faithfully rendered by the dedicated Letter Carriers in our community who, in addition to maintaining high standards of quality mail delivery, are always eager to do their part to make a positive difference in the lives of the people they serve; and

WHEREAS, millions of Americans are in need of supplemental food assistance each month and Tampa is not untouched by these statistics; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Letter Carriers, in conjunction with the United States Postal Service, is teaming up in an effort to tackle the hunger problem nationwide; and

WHEREAS, during this special day, Letter Carriers will, on a volunteer basis, pick up non-perishable food items that are left by the mailboxes of concerned citizens in the Tampa area and will deliver them to selected key points for later distribution to local shelters, food kitchens, and other programs for those who are less fortunate; and

WHEREAS, the food collected will remain in the local area, to feed the hungry of Tampa; and

WHEREAS, last year local Tampa Branch 599 of the National Association of Letter Carriers collected 2,062,529 pounds of food and emerged as the top local union branch in the country.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida do hereby proclaim May 14, 2011 as

## "LETTER CARRIERS 19TH ANNUAL STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all residents to join me in saluting the Letter Carriers and the United States Postal Service for participation in this valuable campaign and in applauding the generosity of those who will be contributing items for pick-up by these compassionate and civic-minded citizens.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 13th day of May, 2011.



Bob Buchhou