

# Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, many thousands of veterans of America's armed forces have served this nation in times of both peace and war, and in doing so have thereby assured the safety and prosperity of all her people; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa wishes to honor and acknowledge the more than 125,000 veterans residing in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, as we celebrate our freedom, we should also remember this as a gift of life given to each of us by the men and women who bravely served their country and by those who gave their life in battle; and

**WHEREAS**, this commemoration of the ultimate sacrifice many servicemen and servicewomen have made for our country, where some gave all, and all gave some, is a constant reminder of the price paid for freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, this is also a time to remember those American POWs, MIAs, and their families still waiting and remember that when one American is not worth the effort to be found, we have all lost; and

**WHEREAS**, lest we forget, our inspiration can be found in the solemn inscription engraved on a monument at Arlington National Cemetery, "Not for Fame or Reward, Not for Place or Rank, Not Lured by Ambition or Goaded by Necessity, but in Simple Obedience to Duty as they Understood it. These Men Suffered ALL, Sacrificed ALL, Dared ALL, and Died."

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby recognize and commend all American veterans and especially those from our community on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

