

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, Wells Fargo was founded on March 18, 1852 in New York City, New York by Henry Wells and William G. Fargo, and officially opened for business just four months later on July 13th in San Francisco and Sacramento, California; and

WHEREAS, from the Gold Rush to the early 20th century, Wells Fargo earned a reputation of trust by dealing rapidly and responsibly with people's money and goods, offering both banking and express delivery. Wells Fargo's rich history and name has forever been linked with the image of a six-horse drawn stagecoach thundering across the American West, loaded with gold; and

WHEREAS, the stagecoach is part of the company's real history and is a symbol of the heritage, legend and values of Wells Fargo. Seventeen authentic horse-drawn stagecoaches are used today in parades and events across the nation, and ten originals are on display in Wells Fargo history museums, and authentic reproductions can be viewed in thirteen Wells Fargo buildings; and

WHEREAS, during the past 159 years, Wells Fargo has grown to be one of America's largest financial institutions and, with 275,000 team members, this country's 12th largest employer. Worldwide the organization ranks as one of the top 35 companies in market value and one of the top 40 largest employers; and

WHEREAS, Wells Fargo is committed to making a difference and investing in the communities in which they serve, and with a focus on community development and education, they believe that their support is important to the future of our nation's vitality and success; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, Wells Fargo and the Wachovia Wells Fargo Foundation contributed to the Greater Gulf Coast Florida region, which includes the Tampa Bay area, nearly \$1.3 million to nonprofit organizations and schools, and team members from 165 stores personally contributed more than \$545,000 and volunteered 12,772 hours in their communities; and

WHEREAS, on June 14, 2011, "The Arrival of Wells Fargo" will take place with a horse-drawn stagecoach parade through downtown Tampa to the Wells Fargo Center at 100 South Ashley Drive, and the festivities will include a performance by the Tampa Bay Pipes and Drums and the presentation of \$80,000 to four separate charities.

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

"WELLS FARGO DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in welcoming Wells Fargo to their new regional center in downtown Tampa and wishing them continued success in their endeavors.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 14th day of June, 2011



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor