

# Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, International Business Machines (IBM) incorporated on June 16, 1911 in Endicott, New York and its president, Thomas John Watson, Sr. developed the company's distinctive management style and core values, which include sound business ethics, strong corporate citizenship, and commitments to trust and personal responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, these philosophies and IBM's ability to embrace change have led to their growth and success over these 100 years and while many industrial companies have not survived, they remain one of the top 25 companies on the *Fortune 500* list; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2003 over 170,000 IBM personnel worldwide have contributed 11.5 million hours of service of their personal time, and between 1986 and 2009 IBM has donated nearly \$5 billion in technology, talent and services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tampa Bay area is fortunate to be part of the IBM family as we help them celebrate their presence in our business community for the past 65 years; and

**WHEREAS**, to recognize this historic event in Tampa, the IBM Tampa site will be holding a day of service on June 11, 2011 with hundreds of employees giving back to the community by volunteering at worthy non-profit organizations that include Metropolitan Ministries, Feeding America, St. Francis Day Care, The Spring and Academy Prep/St. Petersburg; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 17, 2011 the formal celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be held at the David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts in Tampa, Florida.

**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 16, 2011 as

## ***"IBM CENTENNIAL DAY"***

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in congratulating them on this special occasion, thanking them for their commitment to the Tampa community and wishing them continued success in their endeavors.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2011.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

