

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, the Tampa Bay Refugee Task Force is a coalition of non-profit and governmental agencies that assist refugees in settling, integrating and prospering in our community and is dedicated to helping all refugees regardless of religious affiliation, race, age, or national origin, as they build new lives in freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida leads the nation in the number of refugees resettled nationally. Locally, our region has welcomed 10,000 arriving refugees in the past five years, each of whom fled their home country because of persecution or fear of persecution due to race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a social group; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tampa Bay Refugee Task Force is joining the United Nations and the world community in commemorating World Refugee Day on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa wishes to recognize the important contributions the Tampa Bay Refugee Task Force has made to our community and to extend sincere congratulations to them on the occasion of this special celebration and a sincere welcome to all newly arrived refugees in our 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 June 18, 2011 as

## ***“WORLD REFUGEE DAY”***

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in expressing appreciation to all the organizations involved in this effort for their many contributions to the citizens of our community.

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



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

