

WHEREAS, the Tampa Downtown Association was founded in 1986 by a dedicated group of Tampa downtown stakeholders and those interested in the revitalization and growth of Tampa's center city area, and included property owners, developers and business people. On August 7, 1987 the name was changed to the Tampa Downtown Partnership, and for the past 25 years has been the key advocated for the betterment of downtown Tampa; and

WHEREAS, the role of the Tampa Downtown Partnership has included pursuing smart public and private planning to promote growth and development, and serving as a liaison between the public and private sectors to facilitate and foster development; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, the Tampa Downtown Partnership has played a pivotal role in downtown projects through ventures that include The Florida Aquarium, the St. Pete Times Forum, Lykes Gaslight Square, and Tampa Downtown Partnership Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the vision of the Tampa Downtown Partnership is to be the leader in fostering vibrant, diverse, 24-hour downtown neighborhoods in which to learn, live, work, and play, and its strategic mission is to be the steward of downtown Tampa, while cultivating effective public/private partnerships to facilitate catalytic physical and economic development; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Downtown Partnership serves as the main convener of discussions pertinent to Downtown Tampa's future growth and economic stability, serves as an active conduit of information, resources and intellectual capital between the public and private sectors, and promotes the downtown community as an inclusive and diverse neighborhood welcoming all; and

WHEREAS, during the past 25 years, the Tampa Downtown Partnership has championed the causes central to the continued evolution of the downtown Tampa community that has benefited the business community as well as its citizens and visitors.

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 21, 2011 as

"TAMPA DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all residents to join me in congratulating the Tampa Downtown Partnership on their 25th Anniversary and thanking them for their dedication to the Downtown Tampa community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 21st day of June, 2011.

