

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, fighting fires is one of the most hazardous professions, requiring physical strength, stamina, extensive training, courage and selfless concern for the welfare of our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to their daily service to communities, firefighters throughout the state and across the nation have joined the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) since 1954 in the fight against neuromuscular diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, for over 30 years, Tampa Fire Rescue have taken their fire boots into the streets as part of the "Fill the Boot" campaign to support the efforts of the MDA and "Jerry's Kids;" and

**WHEREAS**, in 2010, over 620 Tampa Fire Rescue members raised \$53,624 for this cause all to benefit those children and adults in our community who are afflicted with one of the more than 43 neuromuscular diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, the Muscular Dystrophy Association is extremely grateful to the men and women of Tampa Fire Rescue whose "Fill the Boot" campaign will assist MDA in providing medical services at local clinics, summer camps, research grants, support groups, and public education seminars at no cost to local children and families; and

**WHEREAS**, in honor of these efforts, the Muscular Dystrophy Association is again sponsoring Firefighter Appreciation Month in July, 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate for all Tampa citizens to join the Muscular Dystrophy Association in this tribute to our firefighters.

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

## **"TAMPA FIRE RESCUE APPRECIATION MONTH"**

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in commending them for their efforts on behalf of the Muscular Dystrophy Association and other causes they are involved in throughout the year.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2011.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

