

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights provides for many basic freedoms and rights for all people; and

WHEREAS, Article 4 of this Declaration states, “No one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms;” and

WHEREAS, slavery still exists today under the title of Human Trafficking, which is the commercial exchange and exploitation of humans including forced prostitution and pornography, involuntary labor, servitude and debt bondage, and it affects an estimated 27 million people worldwide, most often women and children; and

WHEREAS, Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking and Youth for Human Rights Florida are working together to raise awareness of how each of us can contribute to the elimination of Human Trafficking and are presenting the “Colors of the World Fashion Show” showing the beauty of Fair Trade Clothing and Eco-Fashion, at the Ybor Square Church of Scientology of Tampa, with proceeds going toward the fight against Human Trafficking; and

WHEREAS, Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking and Youth for Human Rights Florida are working to raise awareness of these violations of our rights, and eliminate Human Trafficking for our city, our state, and our world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim July 16, 2011 as

STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join together in raising the awareness about and eliminating all forms of Human Trafficking.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 8th day of July, 2011.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

