

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is proud to recognize those businesses and individuals who have made a mark in our community by not only their economic investment, but also their involvement in community service. Mise en Place, celebrating their 25th anniversary, is one such company; and

WHEREAS, in December 1986, Maryann Ferenc and Chef Marty Blitz opened Mise en Place Deli and Catering, and six years later opened as a full service restaurant at a larger facility at Grand Central Place, and in 2010 added the Sono Café at the Tampa Museum of Art; and

WHEREAS, Mise en Place has continued to be a premier dining destination for local and visiting diners, offering new as well as many signature dishes, and has evolved over the years by creating interesting culinary combinations and flavors, bringing international, regional, and local cuisine and techniques to their patrons, and providing exemplary service and atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, well recognized in the restaurant industry, Chef Blitz was named Rising Star In American Cuisine by the James Beard Society in 1992, featured in Discovery Channel's "Great Chefs of the South" episode and in *Southern Living* magazine in 1997, received the TBS Superchef Cook-off "People's Choice Award" in 1998, and in 1999 an article with recipes was featured in *Cooking Light* magazine. This year Mise en Place and Chef Blitz have been named "Grand Winner, Central Florida/Gulf Coast Restaurants" and hold several top ratings in the New American category in the current edition of New York based *Zagat Survey*, received *Florida Trend* magazine's 19th Golden Spoon Award as well as their Golden Spoon Hall of Fame Award; and

WHEREAS, Maryann Ferenc and Chef Marty Blitz are well known for their dedication and commitment to the Tampa community and have made many contributions with their involvement and leadership with many civic and charitable organizations, including Tampa Bay and Company, Tampa Downtown Partnership, founding the Tampa Independent Business Alliance, Feeding America Tampa Bay Board of Directors, and numerous hunger relief efforts and charities; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of their 25 years in the Tampa community, Mise en Place will hold several anniversary activities through July 31, 2011 and will begin the celebration with a Happy Hour To Remember event in the Mise Lounge on July 22nd from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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 22, 2011 as

"MISE EN PLACE DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, in honor of their 25th year in Tampa and encourage all citizens to join me in congratulating them on this milestone and thanking them and those they employ for their many contributions

Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

