

Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, since 1983, the President of the United States has proclaimed a National Minority Enterprise Development Week to recognize the outstanding achievements of minority and small business enterprises; and

WHEREAS, minority and small business enterprises are the fastest growing segment of the nation's business community and are a significant economic force; and

WHEREAS, minority and small business enterprises provide needed products and services and contribute significantly to the local economy; and

WHEREAS, minority and small businesses serving Tampa and the neighboring communities enhance the quality of life for residents through job creation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa recognizes the importance of a successful minority and small business community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is committed to the development and growth of minority and small businesses by ensuring equal business opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim August 23 - 26, 2011 as

"Minority Business Enterprise Development Week"

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to become aware of and patronize our local minority and small businesses.

Dated this 23rd day of August, 2011



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