

Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa takes pride in recognizing outstanding organizations and vocations whose contributions serve to enrich the fabric of our communities and our country; and

WHEREAS, Local 1199SEIU is a local union of the Service Employees International Union, originally founded in 1932 as a local of the Drug, Hospital, and Health Care Employees Union, and currently 1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East represents more than 300,000 nursing home and hospital members and retirees in New York, New Jersey, Maryland, the District of Columbia, Massachusetts, and Florida; and

WHEREAS, 1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East Florida Region members are committed to securing access to quality care, and the improvement of healthcare delivery to the residents of Florida and the Tampa Bay area; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Union is to improve and expand quality patient care, to protect and improve the lives of the members and their families, and to work in solidarity with working people in the community and around the world; and

WHEREAS, the Union members' tireless efforts to raise healthcare standards has greatly improved the lives of the people in the communities they serve, sets the stage for the creation of good healthcare jobs with good benefits, and are instrumental in transforming lives by empowering communities to stand for justice, dignity, and respect for all.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida do hereby proclaim September 9, 2011 as

## *"1199SEIU UNITED HEALTHCARE WORKERS EAST FLORIDA REGION DAY"*

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all residents to join me in saluting the members of 1199SEIU for their dedication to the healthcare industry.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 1st day of September, 2011.

Bob Buchhow

Mayor