

Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Builders Association (TBBA) is a trade organization affiliated with the Florida Home Builders Association and the National Association of Home Builders; and

WHEREAS, established in 1951, TBBA volunteers are comprised of builders, developers, trade contractors, suppliers, lending institutions, title companies, engineers, attorneys, and other businesses that have a relationship within the building industry; and

WHEREAS, the TBBA works diligently to accomplish its mission of "building a better community by fulfilling America's dream of home ownership" by providing important services to enhance the building industry in Hillsborough, Pasco, and Pinellas counties, and is the unified voice of neighbors and community leaders working together to provide homes, jobs, education, and economic opportunities for Tampa Bay's future; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish their goals, TBBA provides numerous services to its members, including educational programs and seminars, monthly meetings and networking events, and substantial resources are devoted to ensuring governmental regulations and costs associated with them are reasonable in order to maintain affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the well-known Parade of Homes[™] held every spring is one of TBBA's biggest activities and showcases model homes featuring the latest technology and trends in home building to the public; and

WHEREAS, outstanding community supporters, the TBBA and its members contribute expertise and financial resources to many worthy organizations, including the Ronald McDonald House, Pediatric Cancer Foundation, and Leukemia Lymphoma Society, as well as building homes for Habitat for Humanity and participating with the Future Builders of America to promote the construction industry to Florida's future leaders; and

WHEREAS, to commemorate 50 years of Tampa Bay's building industry leadership, the past, present, and future leaders and members of the Tampa Bay Builders Association will "Reconnect, Reminisce and Reunite" on Monday, September 19, 2011 at Higgins Hall in Tampa, Florida.

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 19, 2011 as

"TAMPA BAY BUILDERS ASSOCIATION DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all residents to join me in congratulating the Tampa Bay Builders Association on their 50th Anniversary and thanking them for their contributions and dedication to the Tampa Bay community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 19th day of September, 2011.

Bob Buchhow

Mayor