

# Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, Flugtag means “flying day” in the German language, and the Red Bull Flugtag is a flying competition that first took place in 1991 in Vienna, Austria, and since that time the event has visited more than 30 countries around the world attracting crowds of up to 250,000 spectators, with the first in the United States occurring in San Francisco, California in 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, the competition consists of not more than 40 teams selected from 240 applicants with each team consisting of up to five people that have built homemade, human-powered flying machines that are less than 30 feet wide and weigh no more than 450 pounds, and the designs are from realistic to outrageous crafts that resemble airplanes, varying objects, and known characters, and one person pilots off an elevated flight deck, through the air, and into a body of water; and

**WHEREAS**, the participants are judged on distance flown, creativity, and showmanship by a panel of local and national celebrities, and to gain more points, the team members will dress up in elaborate costumes, act out skits and create their own music soundtracks for the flight, and are vying for first, second and third place prizes, and the People’s Choice Award from the spectators; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 8, 2011 the brave teams will receive their boarding passes and will launch their flying machines 30 feet above the Seddon Channel adjacent to the Tampa Convention Center in Tampa, Florida and attempt to successfully fly their homemade crafts across the bay.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 8, 2011 as

## ***"RED BULL FLUGTAG DAY"***

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in commending the teams for their participation, congratulating the winners, and thanking Red Bull Flugtag for hosting this event

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

