

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, illicit drug abuse is a known problem affecting our community, and prescription drug abuse is a newer problem that is skyrocketing out of control; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 Florida Medical Examiner's Report reveals that prescription-drug overdoses kill more than seven Floridians every single day - five times greater than deaths from all illicit drugs combined, and a nine percent increase over 2009 numbers; and

WHEREAS, teenagers today participate in "pharm parties" where pills stolen from parents' medicine cabinets or illegally purchased on the street are dumped into a collective bowl, and then the drugs are taken randomly by the youngsters; and

WHEREAS, teenagers do not realize the extreme danger the drugs will have on their systems, even though they are not illegal drugs, and are prescribed by a doctor; and

WHEREAS, The Foundation for a Drug-Free World, a nonprofit public benefit organization empowers youth and adults with factual information about drugs so they can make informed decisions and live drug-free; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation for a Drug-Free World is presenting the concert "Rock for a Drug-Free World" in Ybor City to raise awareness for the Tampa Bay youth about the problem of prescription drug abuse; and

WHEREAS, the youth performing at the Rock for a Drug-Free World Concert want to show other young people that they can enjoy good times with friends without drugs.

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

"SAY NO TO DRUGS – SAY YES TO ROCK FOR A DRUG-FREE WORLD DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all citizens, educators, and parents to create activities to raise awareness about prescription drug abuse and encourage our youth to make the right choices in life, for the betterment of self, family, groups, the Tampa Bay area, and our nation.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 1ST day of October, 2011.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor