

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, Leif Erikson, son of Eric the Red, was sent by Norway's king, Olav Trygvasson, in the year 1000 A.D. to bring Christianity to the Nordic settlements of Greenland; and

**WHEREAS**, Leif Erikson's subsequent voyages took him further westward to a land he called Vinland on the northern coast of what is known today as Newfoundland; and

**WHEREAS**, Erikson and his Viking contemporaries are believed to have been the first Europeans to actually set foot on the first settlement in the New World; and

**WHEREAS**, the courage, resolve, and adventurous spirit exhibited in their voyages is characteristic of the determination and strong work ethics of their descendants here in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Americans of Norwegian birth or descent, some of them early settlers of our community, have contributed greatly to the socio-economic fabric of our city; and

**WHEREAS**, Sons of Norway, one of the largest ethnic organizations in North America, has played a vital role in preserving the culture and heritage of the Nordic people with Tampa Bay Lodge 3-515 representing our area.

**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 9, 2011 as

## "LEIF ERIKSON DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to take part in the activities planned in recognition of this great explorer and in honor of the many American-Norwegians who live in our area.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

