

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, bioscience, the science that studies structures, functions and interactions, or other aspects of living organisms such as biology, ecology, physiology, or molecular biology, are integral to the future of our world, nation, state and city; and

WHEREAS, it is important that interest in bioscience education and careers be nurtured among youth and adults through in-depth knowledge and skills developed through quality education, and it is in the best interest of students, teachers, and administrators to create bioscience education programs as part of a lifelong learning process; and

WHEREAS, BioFlorida is the voice of Florida's bioscience industry representing more than 3,000 companies and research organizations in the biotechnology, pharmaceutical and medical device fields, employing 61,000 Floridians, and is committed to advancing Florida's life sciences cluster; and

WHEREAS, bioscience in Florida is a vital source of our state's success, contributing to the citizens today and laying the foundation for their well-being tomorrow, and BioFlorida, through its initiatives, provide a strong business climate for production of quality, life-improving technologies, and promote economic benefits to Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Center for Universal Research to Eradicate Disease (FL CURED) is as statewide center hosted by the Florida State University's College of Medicine, whose mission is to collaborate with other biomedical research interests across Florida, has teamed with BioFlorida for the second year to host the 14th Annual BioFlorida Conference being held at the Tampa Marriott Waterside Hotel and Marina, Tampa, Florida on October 23-25, 2011; and

WHEREAS, attendees to the conference will include scientists, researchers, government officials, educators, students, and citizens assembling to increase awareness of Florida's bioscience initiatives, which will improve the health and quality of life for all citizens.

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 23 - 29, 2011 as

"BIOSCIENCE WEEK"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in welcoming the participants and leaders attending the 14th Annual BioFlorida Conference.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 20th day of October, 2011.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

