

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) is an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service; and

**WHEREAS**, established in 1868 by Jane Cunningham Croly and originally named Sorosis, it was renamed General Federation of Women's Clubs in 1890 after sixty-three women's clubs throughout the United States joined together; and

**WHEREAS**, today the more than 100,000 members of GFWC are represented in all 50 states, including Tampa, Florida, and more than a dozen countries, and is one of the largest and oldest woman's volunteer organizations in the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the GFWC members are dedicated to enhancing the lives families and communities through the arts, conservation, education, home life, public issues, and international outreach, and has committed their efforts to important causes including the fight against domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, the Southern Region of GFWC will host its Annual Regional Conference in Tampa, Florida at the Mainsail Suites and Conference Center on October 29-30, 2011, and includes members from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, and South Carolina.

**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 29, 2011, as

## ***"GFWC SOUTHERN REGION DAY"***

in the city of Tampa and urge all residents in our community to join me in welcoming General Federation of Women's Clubs Southern Region to the city of Tampa, thanking the members for their commitment to others, and wishing them a successful convention.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

