

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, entrepreneurs and entrepreneurial ventures are the driving force of the necessary creativity, innovation, and employment growth that leads the United States economic development, and provides the products and services that keep America strong, and builds opportunity and prosperity across our country; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa recognizes entrepreneurship builds and strengthens a sustainable local business economy and is the most effective stimulus for the revitalization of the community, and is committed to creating a nurturing environment that encourages and supports entrepreneurs through its Small Business and Minority Business Development office, and in collaboration with public, private, and non-profit partnerships; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Small Business Development Center at the University of South Florida (USF) provides no-cost consulting and low-cost training, delivering tools, plans, and expertise to entrepreneurs to accelerate growth and success in a competitive market including assistance with international trade, governmental contracting, women and minority certifications, and internet strategies; and

WHEREAS, Gazelle Lab, a business accelerator program within the College of Business at the USF St. Petersburg campus, offers a three month mentor-driven plan to local start-up entrepreneurs, and provides them with training, mentoring, and a small cash infusion, and upon completion of the program, provides them an opportunity to present their businesses to potential investors from around the country; and

WHEREAS, through the commitment and activities of City of Tampa and USF's Florida Small Business Development Center and Gazelle Lab, the entrepreneurial spirit and economic environment of Tampa is flourishing.

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

"ENTREPRENEURSHIP MONTH"

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to recognize the importance of entrepreneurs in our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 1st day of November, 2011



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

