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Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the vibrant and time-honored traditions of caring in Tampa shine proudly forth through the noteworthy contributions faithfully rendered by the dedicated Letter Carriers in our community who, in addition to maintaining high standards of quality mail delivery, are always eager to do their part to make a positive difference in the lives of the people they serve; and

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service is working to support the goals of the United States Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program, a very successful venture which collects and distributes toys to children who might otherwise not receive anything at Christmastime; and

WHEREAS, the number of families needing assistance increases during the holidays and Tampa is not untouched by these statistics; and

WHEREAS, during this special day, Letter Carriers will, on a voluntary basis, pick up toys that are left by the mailboxes of concerned citizens in the Tampa area and deliver them to key points for later distribution to the families of these children; and

WHEREAS, more than 75,000 toys were collected and distributed to over 13,000 children in the Tampa Bay area last year and they expect to exceed that goal this year; and

WHEREAS, Tampa is pleased to salute the Letter Carriers of our area, United States Marine Corps and all those involved in this effort for their participation in this valuable campaign and in applauding the generosity of those who will be contributing donated items.

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 4, 2011 as

"LETTER CARRIERS TOYS FOR TOTS DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all residents to support the efforts of the Letter Carriers in their efforts to ensure that every child has a joyful holiday season.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 2nd day of November 2011.

Bob Buchhor

Mayor