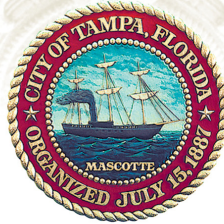


Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the community of American citizens of Indian origin is a peaceful, vibrant, and socially responsible community in the Tampa Bay area; and

WHEREAS, this community of American citizens has greatly contributed to the development of the Tampa Bay area by their generous philanthropy, cultural promotions, and active participation in educational, scientific, and health fields; and

WHEREAS, they have been active in promoting the rich culture of India in the Tampa area and participate in educational, cultural and social exchanges between the two great democracies of the world, India and America; and

WHEREAS, Republic Day of India commemorates the January 26, 1950 date on which the Constitution of India came into force and is celebrated annually in India, as well as in many Indian American communities throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, in honor of the 62nd Anniversary of this historic event, India Republic Day in Tampa, hosted by the Federation of Indian American Associations of Tampa Bay, will be celebrated on January 22, 2012 at the India Cultural Center, and will bring together a gathering of several other Indian American associations, and will feature many cultural programs and the hoisting of the United States and Indian flags; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is honored to join in this celebration which further exemplifies the diversity of our community's culture.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim January 22, 2012 as

“INDIA REPUBLIC DAY IN TAMPA”

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to participate in this day of celebration and festivities, and invite all citizens of the Tampa Bay area to join in the activities honoring the proud history of our Indo-American citizens.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 22nd day of January, 2012.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor