

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, West Tampa, Florida was established in 1892 when Hugh C. Macfarlane purchased 200 acres of land just west of the Hillsborough River for development, and within just a few short years, thousands of people moved into the area, and on May 18, 1895 West Tampa was incorporated. By 1905 it became Florida's fifth largest city, and in 1925 the City of West Tampa was annexed by the City of Tampa; and

**WHEREAS**, today West Tampa remains a neighborhood rich in tradition and historical buildings, and is a vital and vibrant Tampa neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, the West Tampa Chamber of Commerce was established in 1929 and its mission is to provide leadership and business opportunities that foster growth and quality of life while preserving the historical values of the West Tampa Community; and

**WHEREAS**, the West Tampa Optimist Club was founded in 1948 and is committed to "Bringing out the Best in Kids" in the community through its support of civic service clubs such as the West Tampa Boys & Girls Club, Salvation Army, youth sports organizations, and scholarship programs, and its efforts over the past 63 years have resulted in many awards and recognitions from Optimist International's national and regional divisions; and

**WHEREAS**, annually the West Tampa Chamber of Commerce and the West Tampa Optimist Club bestow the George Guida Memorial Outstanding Citizen of West Tampa Award to an individual for their continuous service to the West Tampa Community and for meeting the criteria of having held an executive office in a civic club or community project, and has served in community activities, fundraising or active leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 26, 2012, the West Tampa Chamber of Commerce will honor City of Tampa Councilman **Charlie Miranda**, District 6, with the George Guida Memorial Outstanding Citizen of West Tampa Award for his long time dedication and contributions to West Tampa.

**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 26, 2012 as

## **"WEST TAMPA DAY"**

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all citizens to join me in congratulating Councilman Charlie Miranda on this deserving recognition, and thanking the West Tampa Chamber of Commerce and West Tampa Optimist Club for the commitment and leadership dedicated to the residents and business community of West Tampa.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor