Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) was founded on March 23, 1937 when representatives from 19 Midwestern colleges gathered with the goal of providing students greater access to higher education, and the organization has grown to represent more than 12,000 college counseling and admission professionals; and

WHEREAS, committed to the high standards of ethical and social responsibility that inspired its founding, NACAC has been at the forefront of driving professionalism and inclusivity in the admission counseling field throughout its history, and has stayed current with the internal operations of the organization and the issues facing students and admission professionals nationwide; and

WHEREAS, through its mission, NACAC advocates and supports ethical and professional practice in helping students transition to postsecondary education, and promotes high professional standards and social responsibility through collaboration, knowledge and education; and

WHEREAS, each year more than 650,000 students from 55 metropolitan areas across the country attend NACAC National College Fairs to meet admissions counselors from colleges and universities from around the world whereby students and parents learn about college offerings, and application and financial aid processes; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, February 26, 2012, the NACAC will host the 2012 Tampa National College Fair at the Tampa Convention Center and will include representation from 170 colleges and universities to help students plan a path to higher education.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim February 26, 2012 as

"NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIR ACCESS DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in thanking the National Association for College Admission Counseling for their efforts to encourage and guide those individuals seeking to further their education.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 20th day of February, 2012.



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