

Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, on December 10, 1948, the members of the United Nations signed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and all the member countries agreed on the fundamental rights that we all share simply because we are human; and

WHEREAS, the basic responsibility to promote respect for human rights and freedoms lies with each individual and each of us can play an important role in enhancing human rights; and

WHEREAS, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights declares that "recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world;" and

WHEREAS, United for Human Rights, Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking, Youth for Human Rights Florida and the Human Rights Group work for a Florida with human rights for all; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa joins this cooperative initiative to improve the human condition through education and promoting human rights, and ending human trafficking and other human rights abuses in Florida, in the United States and around the world; and

WHEREAS; the Human Rights Festival 2012 will take place for the Tampa Bay community on March 3, 2012 and welcomes people of all races, religions, and persuasions to participate in this event.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 3, 2012 as

"HUMAN RIGHTS FESTIVAL DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join with me in recognizing the importance of human rights in our community and around the world.

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



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