

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, March 12, 2012 marks the 100th Anniversary of Girl Scouts of the United States of America, founded by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912 in Savannah, Georgia, founded to provide girls the opportunity to develop physically, mentally, and spiritually; and

WHEREAS, throughout its distinguished history, Girl Scouting has inspired millions of girls and women with courage, confidence, and character, and the various programs provided are designed to maximize their abilities and potential; and

WHEREAS, through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience girls **Discover** their skills, talents, and values, **Connect** with others to develop healthy relationships and learn teamwork and conflict resolving abilities, and **Take Action** in the community to make the world a better place, and are exposed to core programs including Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), environmental stewardship, healthy living, financial literacy, and global citizenship that develop solid foundations; and

WHEREAS, the highest honor in Girl Scouting, the Girl Scout Gold Award requires girls to make a measurable and sustainable difference in their community by assessing a need, designing a solution, finding the resources and support to make it a reality, and complete the project while inspiring others to sustain it; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, talents, and diversity of volunteers is key to the organization's success, and the Girl Scout Program is brought to more than 22,000 girls in grades K-12 annually throughout West Central Florida, and more than 50 million American women are Girl Scout alumnae with 3.3 million girls and adult volunteers currently active members.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim the week of March 11, 2012 as

"GIRL SCOUT WEEK"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in applauding the commitment Girl Scouting has made to support the leadership development of America's girls and congratulate Girl Scouts of the United States of America on their 100th Anniversary with special recognition throughout 2012 as the "Year of the Girl."

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 8th day of March, 2012.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

