

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council was founded in 1962 and serves the citizens of the Tampa Bay community and member governments by providing a forum to foster communication, coordination and collaboration in identifying and addressing issues and needs regionally; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council was the first regional planning council in Florida, and is recognized as the state's only multi-purpose regional entity that is positioned to plan for and coordinate intergovernmental solutions to growth related problems, provide technically assistance to local governments, and meet the needs of the communities in each region; and

WHEREAS, representing ninety-nine percent of the population, the four county regions include Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco and Pinellas Counties, and includes the municipalities of Bradenton, Clearwater, Dade City, Dunedin, Gulfport, Largo, New Port Richey, Oldsmar, Palmetto, Pinellas Park, Plant City, Safety Harbor, St. Petersburg, St. Pete Beach, Seminole, South Pasadena, Tampa, Tarpon Springs, Temple Terrace, and Treasure Island; and

WHEREAS, these mentioned governments are represented on the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council by elected officials appointed by their local boards and comprise two-thirds of the Council's membership, with the Governor of Florida appointing additional members, and the membership also including four ex-officio members representing the Southwest Florida Water Management District, Florida Department of Transportation, Environmental Protection Agency, and Enterprise Florida; and

WHEREAS, acknowledged both statewide and nationally as leaders in regional planning, the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council follows The Strategic Regional Policy Plan, a guiding document providing regional goals and policies required by Florida Statutes and include the five subject areas, Economic Development, Emergency Preparedness, Natural Resources, Regional Transportation and Affordable Housing; and

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 12, 2012 as

"TAMPA BAY REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida in recognition of its 50th Anniversary and urge all residents to join me in congratulating the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council on this milestone, and thanking them for the contributions and dedication to the regions they represent, and the benefit provided to the communities.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 12th day of March, 2012.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

