

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, established in 1995, the Philippine Cultural Foundation, Inc. is comprised of generous and focused members who have diligently given of their time and energies for common goals and share the vision “**Our Legacy to Future Generations;**” and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Philippine Cultural Foundation is to preserve and present the Philippine heritage and culture as a legacy to future generations, and to contribute to the diversity of the city of Tampa, the region, and the state of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, through the Philippine Cultural Enrichment Complex in Tampa, Florida the organization provides cultural education on language, folk arts, good citizenship, a library with information about the Philippines, guidance for those interested in travel, and organizes special events for the Filipino community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bayanihan Arts and Events Center in the Philippine Cultural Enrichment Complex provides the venue to present art festivals, educational and cultural events, and high quality concerts and performances of local, national, and international Philippine artists, both traditional and contemporary; and

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Cultural Foundation, Inc. will host PhilFest 2012 on March 30-April 1, 2012, and will transform the Philippine Cultural Enrichment Complex into a typical Filipino fiesta for the enjoyment of all attending; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme for this 17<sup>th</sup> Annual three-day Philippine Festival is “**Moving Onwards for Pinoy Empowerment**” and will feature cultural exhibits, entertainment, Philippine art and cuisine, raffle drawings, and provide the opportunity for the entire community to come together in celebration.

**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 30, 2012 as

## **“PHILFEST 2012 DAY”**

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to participate in the PhilFest 2012 festivities, and thank the organizers and sponsors for providing this annual festival that celebrates the rich history and culture of the Philippine community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

