

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, over the past 60 years, the United States has achieved significant increases in life expectancy and reductions in the incidence of injury, disability and disease; and

WHEREAS, of the 30 additional years of life expectancy we have gained since the turn of the century, the public health approach is credited with the majority of improvements in the public's health status and expanded life expectancy, and public health succeeds by identifying and addressing patterns of disease, illness and injury in populations; and

WHEREAS, the use of population-based strategies for disease and injury prevention by our public health professionals has contributed to the decline in illness and injury, including heart disease and stroke, tobacco-related diseases, infectious diseases, motor vehicle and workplace injuries; and

WHEREAS, since 1995, communities across the United States have celebrated *National Public Health Week* each April by highlighting public health achievements and raising awareness of issues important to improving the health of citizens; and

WHEREAS, *National Public Health Week* provides the focused opportunity for the public and public health professionals to learn about public health concerns and success stories which are vital to healthy communities, such as immunizing against infectious disease, maintaining good nutritional standards and providing good prenatal care; and

WHEREAS, the American Public Health Association (APHA), with the help of its 50,000 members and hundreds of organizational partners, serves as the lead organizer of *National Public Health Week*, and for 2012 will continue its broad vision to make America the healthiest nation in one generation by addressing the importance of prevention and wellness through the theme **"A Healthier America Begins Today: Join the Movement."**

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 April 2-8, 2012 as

"NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to begin healthier lifestyle choices today and recognize the important role our public health professionals play in our lives.

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



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

