

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, on April 22, 1970, more than 20 million people across America celebrated Earth Day by participating in teach-ins, neighborhood cleanups, bill signings, and scores of other activities to demonstrate their concern for the environment and to learn more about nature, ecology, and broader environmental concerns; and

**WHEREAS**, in the years since the first Earth Day, despite environmental improvements, the health of the planet is increasingly endangered, threatened by global warming, tropical deforestation, and ground, air, and water pollution, requiring action by all sectors of society; and

**WHEREAS**, this year marks the 42nd Anniversary of Earth Day and provides a pivotal opportunity for individuals, corporations and governments to join together and create a global green economy. Locally, Earth Day 2012 serves to educate our community on many important issues from land, water, and energy conservation to mass transportation, wildlife appreciation, and promoting the greenways, blueways, and park systems so essential to our quality of life here in Tampa; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tampa Bay Chapter of the Sierra Club and the University of South Florida's Office of Sustainability will hold a celebration on April 21, 2012 in an effort to educate citizens on the importance of acting in an environmentally-sensitive manner by recycling, conserving energy and water, using efficient transportation, and adopting more ecologically sound lifestyles, and specifically to promote the use of native plants in the urban landscape; and

**WHEREAS**, this festival will feature exhibitors, demonstrations, arts and crafts, community groups, live music, food, and children's activities – all aimed to help Tampa Bay's residents create a healthy and sustainable lifestyle, and businesses will demonstrate new products that will focus on ways to "go green," and nonprofit organizations will be on site to provide helpful information.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 21, 2012 as

## **"EARTH DAY TAMPA BAY"**

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in pledging to do our utmost to save the planet and our community through environmental awareness.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 21st day of April, 2012.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

