

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, Erase Hate Tampa Bay, Inc. was formed by a group of concerned citizens with the common goal of raising awareness about the dangers of bullying and hate driven behaviors, and to celebrate the diversity of the Tampa, Florida community; and

**WHEREAS**, through its mission, Erase Hate Tampa Bay is dedicated to increasing awareness and helping to eradicate types of moral exclusion that gives rise to prejudices that account for abhorrent behaviors within our society, and in making the community embrace a higher level of acceptance and appreciation for each citizen's individuality; and

**WHEREAS**, Erase Hate Tampa Bay affirms the humanity of all people, regardless of race, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or disability, and provides the opportunity through various events throughout the year to promote that all individuals should be appreciated for who they are and for their contributions to society, and that through civility, kindness and respect for one another, we can make our community a better place to live, raise a family, build a business, and enjoy a long and secure life; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2012 goal of Erase Hate Tampa Bay is the implementation of programs in local schools to educate and empower children to speak up and make changes in their homes, schools and neighborhoods, whereby effecting change in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the nationally acknowledged Celebrate Diversity Month each April, Erase Hate Tampa Bay will host the First Annual Erase Tampa Bay Festival on April 21, 2012 in Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park in downtown Tampa and the event will bring awareness to the community during a full day of activities, food and music.

**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

## ***"ERASE HATE TAMPA BAY DAY"***

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to attend the Erase Hate Tampa Bay Festival, and thank the members of the organization for all they do to make our community a better place for all people.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

