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Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, initiated in 1969 by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC), Municipal Clerks Week recognizes the essential role Municipal Clerks play in local government; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Municipal Clerk is the oldest among public servants and a vital part of local government existing throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, providing the professional link between the citizens, local governing bodies and agencies, the Office of the Municipal Clerk also serves as the information center on functions of local government and the community; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Clerks and Deputy Clerks main function is to serve as the municipal council's foundation, and some of the responsibilities include maintaining the official council minutes, ordinance books and all records and documents, indexing of all official actions of council, issuing licenses and permits, processing of contracts and agreements, keeping the community's history and vital records, and advising their municipal's council of the legislative restrictions that apply to the ordinances and resolutions they wish to enact; and

WHEREAS, to keep up with new computer applications, records management and other relevant information, Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the Office of the Municipal Clerk through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops, and the annual meetings of their state, province, county, and international professional organizations.

WHEREAS, Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all.

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 29-May 5, 2012 as

"MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK"

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all residents to recognize the valuable contributions Municipal Clerks provide to local government and the communities they serve.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 25th day of April, 2012.



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