

# Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, the late John F. Kennedy signed into law a bill proclaiming May 15<sup>th</sup> of each year to be named as **"Peace Officers Memorial Day"** and the week in which it falls as **"Police Week"** a time of mourning for police officers killed in the line of duty and recognition of others who were injured protecting our citizens from harm; and

**WHEREAS**, our dedicated officers work with courage and dedication in protecting us against crime, violence and terrorism and this observance will help us honor the memory of the fallen and recognize those who devote their lives to enforcing our laws; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1895 there have been thirty-one Tampa Police Officers killed in the line of duty and this observance provides the opportunity to honor the memory of these brave individuals who gave their lives to protect our citizens and community; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout our nation, at least 740,000 sworn law enforcement officers will participate in this official period of mourning; and

**WHEREAS**, this day of mourning will officially be held in Tampa on Friday, May 4, 2012.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Friday, May 4, 2012 as

## ***"LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY"***

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in honoring the memory of these fallen officers and recognizing the members of our local law enforcement agencies for their continued commitment to enforcing our laws, bringing criminals to justice and making our community safer.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

