

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the Humane Society of Tampa Bay was established in 1912 as the Hillsborough County Humane Society and is one of the oldest corporations in the state of Florida, and the current location was a bequest to the organization by two sisters, Allison and Helen Holland in 1926; and

WHEREAS, human lives are enhanced both mentally and physically through the companionship and devotion of animals, and these animals are dependent upon humans for food, shelter, health and safety, and humans, as the more highly evolved species, have a responsibility to care for and protect them, and the community as a whole is made better through the humane and ethical treatment of animals; and

WHEREAS, over the past 100 years, the Humane Society of Tampa Bay has served the homeless and needy animals of Hillsborough County focusing on animal well-being and adoption, and has created important initiatives such as the Spay and Neuter Clinic and "No Kill for Space" program; and

WHEREAS, the Humane Society of Tampa Bay is committed to a community approach to help lower the euthanasia rate in Hillsborough County and has created an aggressive and effective transfer program allowing for the potential saving of animals at risk for euthanasia; and

WHEREAS, during its annual Tuxes & Tails fundraiser on May 5, 2012 at the Tampa Convention Center, the Humane Society will celebrate "**A Century of Saving Lives,**" and will take the opportunity to thank all those that have contributed to its success and reflect on all that has been accomplished over the past 100 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 5, 2012 as

"HUMANE SOCIETY OF TAMPA BAY DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in congratulating the Humane Society of Tampa Bay on this significant milestone, wishing them continued success in the future and thanking them for all they have done over the years for the companion animals of our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 3rd day of May, 2012.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

