

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, the vibrant and time honored traditions of caring in Tampa, Florida shine proudly forth through the noteworthy contributions faithfully rendered by the dedicated Letter Carriers in our community who, in addition to maintaining high standards of quality mail delivery, are always eager to do their part to make a positive difference in the lives of the people they serve; and

**WHEREAS**, millions of Americans are in need of supplemental food assistance each month and Tampa is not untouched by these statistics; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Association of Letter Carriers, in conjunction with the United States Postal Service, team up annually in an effort to tackle the hunger problem nationwide; and

**WHEREAS**, during this special day, Letter Carriers will, on a volunteer basis, pick up non-perishable food items that are left by the mailboxes of concerned citizens in the Tampa area and will deliver them to selected key points for later distribution to local shelters, food kitchens, and other programs for those who are less fortunate; and

**WHEREAS**, the food collected will remain in the local area, to feed the hungry of the Tampa Bay community; and

**WHEREAS**, last year local Tampa Branch 599 of the National Association of Letter Carriers received over 1,700,000 pounds of food and emerged as the second top local union branch in the country in collections.

**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 12, 2012 as

***“LETTER CARRIERS  
20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE DAY”***

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all residents to join me in saluting the Letter Carriers and the United States Postal Service for participation in this valuable campaign and in applauding the generosity of those who will be contributing items for pick-up by these compassionate and civic-minded citizens.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

