

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, Tampa Union Station opened in May 1912 and originated with prominent Tampa residents including Tampa Electric Company founder Peter O. Knight, *Tampa Tribune* publisher Wallace Stovall, and others committed to the construction of the station, and for 100 years it has served as a monumental gateway for Tampa travelers; and

WHEREAS, as a result of a citizen effort and largely led by volunteers seeking to improve the Tampa community and preserve an historical landmark, Tampa Union Station was restored in 1998; and

WHEREAS, today, through their municipal government, the residents of the city of Tampa are the proud owners of the historic 1912 Tampa Union Station, a City of Tampa designated Landmark that is also on the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, on the occasion of this Centennial milestone, the National Railway Historical Society has chosen to honor Tampa Union Station's significance by recognizing it with an historic plaque noting its inclusion on its list of Historic Landmark Railroad Structures; and

WHEREAS, ordinary citizens have united with the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay to build a permanent endowment fund with private donations to help support Tampa Union Station's present and future as a cultural and transportation asset; and

WHEREAS, to raise awareness of the vital role rail plays in our nation's transportation system, Amtrak will celebrate its annual National Train Day on Saturday, May 12, 2012, culminating six weeks of promotions, events, partnerships, and celebrations held throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, Tampa Union Station will be the site of festivities honoring this occasion with participation by Amtrak, the Tampa Bay History Center, the Tampa-Hillsborough Public Library, the Florida Coalition of Rail Passengers, the National Association of Railroad Passengers, Friends of Tampa Union, and many others. As an Amtrak city, Tampa is honored to join in this recognition.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, Mayor of Tampa, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida do hereby proclaim May 12, 2012 as

"TAMPA UNION STATION CENTENNIAL AND NATIONAL TRAIN DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to recognize the vital role rail plays in the success of our city and to take part in activities planned to celebrate this industry and all those who have been involved through the years.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 7th day of May, 2012.



City of
Tampa
Florida

Bob Buckhorn

Mayor