

Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) is the worldwide headquarters for Special Operations Forces (SOF) of the United States Military; and

WHEREAS, USSOCOM is located at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa and its military members and civilian employees and their families reside and contribute greatly to our community; and

WHEREAS, USSOCOM is hosting International Special Operations Forces Week from May 21-25, 2012 at the Tampa Convention Center, bringing together American Special Operations Forces and international partners from 96 countries; and

WHEREAS, this conference is in conjunction with the Special Operations Forces Industry Conference, which USSOCOM co-hosts with the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA), bringing together hundreds of businesses and corporations with United States Special Operations Forces leadership; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is extremely proud of USSOCOM and the outstanding job its military forces and civilian employees are performing locally and worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is honored to host the attendees visiting from across the world and nation, and the corporate and business sectors presenting at both the International Special Operations Forces Week and the Special Operations Forces Industry Conference.

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 21-25, 2012 as

"INTERNATIONAL SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES WEEK 2012"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in welcoming all those attending and in thanking them for the extraordinary efforts they are making on our nation's behalf.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 30th day of April, 2012.

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