

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa takes pride in recognizing those individuals whose commitment and dedication have made a lasting impact on our community and its citizens and Don Germaise, WFTS-TV ABC Action News Reporter, is one such person; and

**WHEREAS**, born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania and raised in the suburbs of Boston, Massachusetts, Don fell in love with Florida while attending the University of Florida, and after beginning his career at WEEI Radio in Boston, relocated to Florida and worked in radio and television in several cities around the state including, Melbourne, Orlando, Fort Myers, West Palm Beach, and finally with WFTS-TV in Tampa; and

**WHEREAS**, Don was the first reporter hired by WFTS-TV when it became an ABC Affiliate in 1994 and he debuted its News Department with reporting the inaugural story, and since has provided the station with his expertise and knowledge, mentoring new staff members and sharing with them his love for the Tampa Bay community, the University of Florida Gators, and the Tampa Bay Rays; and

**WHEREAS**, known for his hard work, energy and ethics, Don has become a visible part of Tampa Bay and a trusted source of the area's top news for the past 18 years, reporting on crime, corruption, and day-to-day stories that impacted the citizens of the region. His passion for covering hurricanes became a favorite source for storm news and his catch phrase "hunker down" gave him special recognition among viewers and peers alike; and

**WHEREAS**, as one of the most popular television personalities with the viewing audience and well respected by those in the media, the City of Tampa is honored to congratulate Don Germaise on his retirement from WFTS-TV and grateful for the many contributions he has made to our community and its citizens. We look forward to his continued involvement in the community and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

**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 25, 2012 as

## **"DON GERMAISE DAY"**

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join me in thanking him for his contributions to our community, and wishing him continued success and happiness in his future.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

