

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, June 27, 2012 marks the 44<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion that gave birth to the modern lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender civil rights movement. The month of June also marks a time when all those committed to justice and equality celebrate the notable achievements and outstanding service that gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) Americans make to our great city, state and nation; and

**WHEREAS**, our great city protects its residents from discrimination and harassment based on actual or perceived race, color, sex, religion, disability, age, marital status, place of birth, families with children, sexual orientation or national origin; and

**WHEREAS**, individually and collectively, members of Tampa's GLBT community contribute greatly to neighborhood revitalization, economic vitality, arts and culture, and the social fabric of our city, county, and state; and

**WHEREAS**, over 200 businesses and community organizations have come together to create the GaYBOR District Coalition in Historic Ybor City for the mutual benefit of all GLBT friendly businesses in our great city, and

**WHEREAS**, the GaYBOR District Coalition celebrates the diversity of our community and promotes and provides a safe, tolerant, and welcoming focal point for the GLBT community from around the Tampa Bay region and the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the GaYBOR District Coalition is now recognized by national GLBT media as one of the top destinations in the \$65 billion a year GLBT travel industry; and

**WHEREAS**, the GaYBOR District Coalition will hold its fifth annual GaYBOR Days Celebration on May 25-28, 2012 in honor of the Stonewall Rebellion and in celebration of the diversity in our great city; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of its commitment to continued social progress and the cause of human rights, the City of Tampa is pleased to recognize the prominent place in our community held by the GaYBOR District in Historic Ybor City.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida do resolve that, in honor of the 44<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion, May 25 through May 28, 2012 is hereby proclaimed in recognition of the

## **“GaYBOR DISTRICT IN HISTORIC YBOR CITY”**

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join in saluting the efforts of the GaYBOR District Coalition and those dedicated to creating a safe and accepting district in our great city.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

