Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, established on February 17, 1929 in Corpus Christi, Texas, the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) is the oldest and most widely recognized national Hispanic civil rights organization in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the mission of LULAC is to advance the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, housing, health and civil rights of the Hispanic population of the United States; and

WHEREAS, LULAC, a non-profit organization, is dedicated to its mission through a network of 135,000 community volunteers, 880 local Councils, 60 Community Technology Centers, and 15 LULAC National Educational Service Centers, and it empowers Hispanic families through direct service programs and advocacy in 34 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, Florida Hispanic leaders established the League of United Latin American Citizens Florida and created a network of affiliated Councils throughout the state of Florida for the purpose of fulfilling the mission and goals of the national LULAC organization on behalf of the Hispanic citizens of our region; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is proud of the rich Hispanic heritage and history of our city and pleased to welcome the LULAC Florida State Convention, with the theme "Hispanics Working Together For a Better Future," held on May 26-27, 2012 at the Sheraton Tampa Riverwalk Hotel in Tampa, Florida.

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 26, 2012 as

"LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS OF FLORIDA DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in expressing appreciation to the members of LULAC Florida for their many contributions to our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 16th day of May, 2012.



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