

# Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, athletes from around the world will gather to compete for Gold, Silver and Bronze medals in their chosen sports at the London 2012 Olympic Games beginning Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup> with the Opening Ceremonies, and will end on August 12<sup>th</sup> with Closing Ceremonies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Olympic Creed is *"The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win but to take part, just as the most important thing in life is not the triumph but the struggle. The essential thing is not to have conquered but to have fought well;"* and

**WHEREAS**, founded in 1984, the mission of the United States Olympians Association (USOA) is to support United States Olympic and Paralympic athletes in achieving sustained competitive excellence and to preserve the Olympic ideals, thereby inspiring all Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, to celebrate the Olympic and Paralympic Movements and highlight the importance of regular exercise and commitment to lifelong fitness, the USOA, supported by the United States Olympic Committee and in partnership with First Lady Michelle Obama's "Let's Move" Foundation, has initiated the **Walk to London 2012** program whereby a series of 20 walks will be held in communities around the United States, and the total distances walked will be added to equal the mileage from Los Angeles, California to London, England; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida USOA Chapter will enlist participants to each walk one mile to show support for the Olympic and Paralympic spirit, and as a city that has hosted the United States Pan American teams in 1991 and 2003, and a former Olympic Bid City, the organization has chosen Tampa to host the **Walk to London 2012** event; and

**WHEREAS**, the **Walk to London 2012** event on June 2, 2012 at the University of Tampa's Pepin Stadium will include the signing of an Olympic flag, opportunities for attendees to write messages to Team USA, memorabilia displays, Olympic trivia contests, autograph signing sessions with U.S. Olympians, and Olympic and Paralympic sport exhibitions.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim June 2, 2012 as

## **"WALK TO LONDON DAY"**

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and encourage citizens to participate in the Walk to London 2012 event, and support Team USA in the upcoming London 2012 Olympic Games.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

