

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, The United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 10, 1948, provides basic freedoms and rights for all people; and

WHEREAS, Article 4 of this Declaration states, "No one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms;" and

WHEREAS, worldwide, 215 million children are engaged in forced labor, with more than half this number involved in its worst forms, and are being deprived of adequate education, health, and basic freedoms, violating their human rights; and

WHEREAS, World Day Against Child Labor, which is observed annually on June 12th, is intended to serve as a catalyst for the growing worldwide movement against child labor, and its 2012 theme is "*Human rights and social justice...let's end child labor*" and through its campaign "**One Hour against Child Labor**," will provide a spotlight on the right of all children to be protected from child labor and from other violations of fundamental human rights; and

WHEREAS, The Florida Coalition against Human Trafficking and Youth for Human Rights Florida are working together to raise awareness of these violations of Human Rights, and eliminate human trafficking and forced child labor; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of World Day Against Child Labor, the Florida Coalition against Human Trafficking and Youth for Human Rights Florida are presenting the "**Colors of the World Fashion Show**," featuring Fair Trade Clothing and Eco-Fashion, at the Ybor Square Church of Scientology of Tampa, with proceeds going toward the fight against human trafficking.

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 9, 2012 as

"STOP FORCED CHILD LABOR AWARENESS DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join together in raising the awareness about and eliminating all forms of forced child labor and human trafficking.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 6th day of June, 2012.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor