

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, as the prices of fossil fuels continue to grow, the overall supply of these fuels is diminishing, and the use of fossil fuels has been shown to adversely affect the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, gasoline is a product of fossil fuel and its price to consumers continues to climb, yet only one percent of people regularly ride motorcycles to work, when motorcycles on average use less than half the amount of gasoline as passenger cars and one-third as much as larger vehicles such as Sport Utility Vehicles (SUV); and

**WHEREAS**, if 150,000 Tampa residents were to commute to work using a motorcycle instead of a car today, over 60,000 gallons of gasoline could be saved; and

**WHEREAS**, scooters and motorcycles also require only a fraction of the parking space needed by larger passenger vehicles, thereby reducing parking congestion in active business districts; and

**WHEREAS**, commuting to work by scooter or motorcycle provides a means of transportation which could save a person money, lessen the environmental impact, and create more space in our city's more active areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa is proud to be an environmental steward and is committed to making sustainable choices and managing our resources effectively and efficiently; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual National Ride to Work Day, Blick Law Firm is hosting an open house on Monday, June 18, 2012 and will be offering refreshments, free Driver's License checks and opportunities to win door prizes to all licensed motorists.

**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 18, 2012 as

## ***"RIDE TO WORK DAY"***

in the City of Tampa, Florida and encourage all scooter and motorcycle owners to ride to work on this day in an effort to promote the protection of our environment for future generations.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2012.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

