

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa held its first civic **Mayor's Hack-A-Thon 2012** from June 22 to June 24, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Tampa; and

**WHEREAS**, seventy-five participants worked diligently for forty-eight hours straight to build applications that could potentially improve the lives of Tampa business owners, residents and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa received fifteen submissions at the deadline ranging from applications that included matching citizens to volunteer projects, promoting available real estate properties, bus service tracking, and one that measured a user's "green" score; and

**WHEREAS**, seven judges with technology development backgrounds tested and evaluated each application based on design and user experience, originality, usefulness, and quality; and

**WHEREAS**, Daniel Melick, Luqmaan Dawoodjee, Kathleen Tran, Francis Gelderloos, Erik Christensen, Jeremy Fisher, and Maria Ordehi from **Team SPARKTECH** created an application named **HARTXT** designed to help bus riders obtain the times of their next bus via short message service (SMS); and

**WHEREAS**, utilizing the established criteria, the judges rated HARTXT high in each of the areas in the evaluation, earning them the grand prize.

**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 27, 2012 as

## ***"HARTXT DAY"***

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to congratulate the members of Team SPARKTECH for their creativity and winning the Mayor's Hack-A-Thon 2012 application challenge.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

