

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, Moose International was founded in 1888 in Louisville, Kentucky by Dr. John Henry Wilson with the intent to create a small-scale men's social club; and

WHEREAS, Moose International has grown over the past century into a global organization of over one million men and women, including influential leaders such as past presidents Theodore Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman, and the approximately 2,000 Lodges located in the United States, Canada, Bermuda and Great Britain are dedicated to caring for young and old, bringing communities closer together, and celebrating life; and

WHEREAS, this nonsectarian and nonpolitical organization has demonstrated a long-standing passion for charity, and currently contributes an average of \$50 million worth of community service annually, through donations and volunteering; and

WHEREAS, a family fraternity, Moose International pioneered the development of Mooseheart Child City and School, a 1,000-acre facility outside of Chicago that provides care, education, and training for youth whose families are otherwise unable to provide support, and Moosehaven, a retirement community for its senior members located near Jacksonville, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 Moose International Convention will held at the Tampa Convention Center in Tampa, Florida the week of June 29-July 4, 2012 and will embark on its pilot-program in the Tampa Bay area to raise public awareness about the Moose organization and its community service, family and sports activities, and member benefits.

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 29th - July 4th, 2012 as

"HEARD OF MOOSE? WEEK"

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to welcome Moose International to our community and thank the organization for all they have contributed to enrich the lives others in the Tampa Bay area as well as throughout the world.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 5th day of June, 2012.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

