

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, independence of Peru was first declared in 1821 by the Argentine liberator, General Jose de San Martin, but absolute independence was not achieved until three years later in 1824, and this significant event in Peru's history is celebrated annually on July 28th; and

WHEREAS, Peru's history is rich with distinct culture and traditions, and its past, vastly associated with the Inca civilization, includes the spirit of the country's ancient heritage with a multitude of civilizations and Spanish colonization; and

WHEREAS, the Florida counties of Hillsborough, Orange, Pinellas, Polk and Sarasota are home to approximately 10,000 Peruvians, 4,000 of whom reside in the Tampa Bay area; and

WHEREAS, the city of Tampa is composed of many nationalities that uphold a spirit of multiculturalism, and the American citizens of Peruvian origin have greatly contributed to the Tampa Bay area through their generous philanthropy, cultural promotions, and active participation in educational, scientific, health, and other fields that enhance the community and quality of life of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa recognizes the journey that Peru has made as a country and supports its continued dedication to freedom while Peruvians everywhere celebrate this historic day; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the National Day of Peru, a celebration will be held on July 22, 2012 at Hillsborough Community College, Ybor City Campus, and will feature guest speaker The Honorable Juan Carlos Ibarra Schambaher, Honorary Consul of Peru.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim July 28, 2012 as

"NATIONAL DAY OF PERU"

in the City of Tampa, Florida and call upon our citizens to join me in paying tribute on this special recognition of the Independence of Peru, and celebrate the contributions its people have made in our community and throughout the world.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 22nd day of July, 2012.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

