

# Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, the commonwealth of Jamaica was founded in 1962 after gaining independence from Britain, and the flag was officially adopted on August 6<sup>th</sup> of the same year; and

**WHEREAS**, the colors of the Jamaican flag symbolize “**Hardships there are, but the Land is green and the Sun shineth**” and is represented by *Gold* for the natural wealth and beauty of sunlight; *Green* for hope and agricultural resources; and *Black* for the strength and creativity of the Jamaican people; and

**WHEREAS**, the city of Tampa is composed of many nationalities that upholds a spirit of multiculturalism, and the American citizens of Jamaican origin have greatly contributed to the Tampa Bay area by 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**, Jamaicans from all over the globe will show their support for Jamaica’s Independence a half century ago by wearing the Black, Gold and Green colors of the Jamaican Flag in celebration and honor of this milestone; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jamaican constituents of Tampa, in collaboration with Consulate General of Jamaica and Jamaica Awareness, Incorporated, will celebrate the bicentennial of Jamaica’s independence with an Official Flag Day event on Monday, August 6, 2012 at the University Area Community Development Center in Tampa, Florida.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012 as

## **“JAMAICA FLAG DAY”**

in the City of Tampa, Florida and call upon our citizens to join me in acknowledging the journey that Jamaica has made as a country, and celebrate 50 years of its cultural richness and contributions by wearing the Jamaican Flag colors on this auspicious day.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2012.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

