

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, Microsoft Corporation, founded in 1975, is the worldwide leader in software, services, and solutions with the mission of helping people and businesses realize their full potential; and

**WHEREAS**, Microsoft works with more than 7,300 partner companies that build technology tools and services, creating jobs and revenue in the state of Florida, and in addition has given more than \$82.6 million in cash, curriculum, software, and volunteer hours in the state since 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, along with Hillsborough County Public Schools, Microsoft works with governments and community organizations, including the City of Tampa, Tampa Bay Partnership, Hillsborough County Parks & Recreation Department, Computer Mentors and the Boys & Girls Club, to provide support for youth opportunities and information technology (IT) skills training for the purpose of preparing young people for the job market and changing economy, and Tampa, Florida is one of the strategic cities selected under Microsoft's MetroCities initiatives designed to address technological and strategic investments for the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Microsoft and Hillsborough County Public Schools have collaborated to deliver Microsoft IT Academy, a college and career-ready program designed to provide students with 21<sup>st</sup> century skills necessary to be competitive in a globally evolving workplace; and

**WHEREAS**, students and teachers in Florida, including those in Hillsborough County Public Schools, will now have access to hundreds of web-based e-learning courses, teacher preparation resources, and hands-on experiences with the latest Microsoft software and educational programs, giving students a competitive edge while still in school.

**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 11, 2012 as

***“HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY TEACHERS GO BACK-TO-SCHOOL  
WITH MICROSOFT DAY”***

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in celebrating our partnership with Microsoft that enhances technology, education, and innovation for our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

