

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the Olympic Games originated in 776 B.C. in Olympia, Greece originally consisting of foot races, and in 1894 the International Olympic Committee was founded with the first modern Olympic Games held in Athens, Greece in 1896 with 14 countries competing; and

WHEREAS, this year the 2012 Olympic Games were held in London, England with Opening Ceremonies beginning on July 27th and Closing Ceremonies on August 12th with 204 National Olympic Committees, representing countries participating from all over the globe; and

WHEREAS, included among the extraordinary athletes that competed for Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals, and those that did their very best to earn one, was **Tianna Madison** – a 2012 Gold Medal Olympian and citizen of the Tampa, Florida community; and

WHEREAS, born on August 30, 1985 in Elyria, Ohio, Tianna's passion for Track and Field developed while attending Elyria High School where she was named the 2003 Gatorade Ohio High School Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year, and thereafter at the University of Tennessee where she was a two-time National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) long jump champion; and

WHEREAS, through her dedication, hard work and determination to be one of the best athletes in her field, Tianna went on to claim numerous United States championships including 2010 USA Outdoor 100-meter Third Place Finisher, 2012 USA Outdoor 100-meter Runner-Up and three-time Long Jump Runner-Up, 2012 USA Indoor 60-meter Champion, and international championships that include 2006 World Indoor Silver Medalist, and 2012 World Indoor Bronze Medalist, and she finished second in the Women's 100-meter US Olympic Track & Field Trials, qualifying her for a spot in the Olympic Games in London; and

WHEREAS, representing the United States at the 2012 Olympics, Tianna placed fourth in 100-meter Dash with a 10.85 personal best, and was the lead leg for the Women's 4x100-meter Relay that not only brought home the Gold Medal for the United States, but broke the World Record by one-half a second with an impressive 40.82 run; and

WHEREAS, while her family and friends gave their love and support, and her coaches gave encouragement and training, **Tianna gave her all** – and her dream to be one of the world's best and to represent her country on the Olympic podium has been realized, and through her guiding principles of *honor, integrity, and self-respect*, she serves as a source of inspiration for us all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim August 23, 2012 as

“OLYMPIAN TIANNA MADISON DAY”

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join me in congratulating Tianna Madison and expressing their pride in her representation of the United States at the 2012 Olympic Games in London, England.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, on this 23rd day of August, 2012.



City of
Tampa
Florida

Bob Buckhorn

Mayor