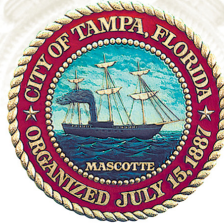


Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, September 17, 2012 marks the two hundred twenty-fourth anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention, laying the groundwork for our system of government today; and

WHEREAS, this extraordinary document has safely charted our country through more than two centuries of change and growth and has served as the model for democratic governments around the globe; and

WHEREAS, in commemoration of this event, the Congress, by joint resolution of February 29, 1952, designated September 17th as *Citizenship Day*, and by joint resolution of August 2, 1956, requested that the President of the United States proclaim the week beginning September 17th and ending September 23rd of each year as *Constitution Week*; and

WHEREAS, these designations remind us to recognize the importance of active, responsible citizenship in preserving our Constitution's blessings and the historic importance of the Constitution's role on our lives today; and

WHEREAS, these commemorations also serve to encourage us to draw strength and guidance from our Constitution in an effort to ensure that the blessings of American liberty endure and extend for generations to come. The City of Tampa is pleased to once again join the local chapter of the American Daughters of the American Revolution in commemorating these events.

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

September 17, 2012 as
"CITIZENSHIP DAY"

and

the week of September 17-23, 2012 as
"CONSTITUTION WEEK"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in reflecting on the rights and responsibilities of citizenship and the many benefits our Constitution provides us.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 11th day of September, 2012.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

