

# Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, founded in 1992 by the College Hill Church of God in Christ in Tampa, Florida, the **Family Enrichment Center, Incorporated** is a private, faith-based, non-profit, child-placing agency; and

**WHEREAS**, initially created in response to a critical shortage of African American foster homes, the Family Enrichment Center provides the Tampa community with a family-centered, friendly, compassionate, neighborhood based alternative to public and traditional social services; and

**WHEREAS**, with the motto *Family is at the Heart of everything we do*, the Family Enrichment Center is the only minority owned and operated child placing agency in the Southeastern United States, providing care for between 250 and 350 children every month; and

**WHEREAS**, the Family Enrichment Center is committed to finding families for children in foster care, and to be as responsive as possible to vulnerable children and families to ensure parents have the support they need to help provide their children with the quality of life they deserve; and

**WHEREAS**, through its exceptional programs, including Foster Care and Adoption, Grandparent Assistance Program, the W.E. Davis Family Support Center, Kinship Care and Residential Care, the Family Enrichment Center provides the tools that assist the Tampa Bay area's neediest families become stable and strong; and

**WHEREAS**, in honor of its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the Family Enrichment Center will celebrate on Thursday, September 20, 2012 at the Hilton-Tampa Airport Westshore Hotel with the theme *Healthy Children, Healthy Families....Healthy Community*.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by the virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 20, 2012, as

## **“FAMILY ENRICHMENT CENTER DAY”**

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join me in congratulating the Family Enrichment Center and its partnering agencies on this significant milestone, and thanking them for the past two decades of dedication and the positive impact they have made to children and families in the community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

