

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa, Florida is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our community; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at the greatest risk from fire, and according to research from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) in 2010 more than 2,600 people died in home fires with fire departments responding to over 369,000 home fires in the United States; and

WHEREAS, while working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in home fires by one-half, residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and therefore more likely to survive a fire, and it is reported that only one-third of Americans have developed and practiced a home fire escape plan, with others making a plan, but not practicing it; and

WHEREAS, those households that did not practice an escape plan estimated they would have at least six seconds before a fire became life threatening, when in fact the available time to reach safety is often less; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education, and Tampa residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in the home; and

WHEREAS, the month of October is designated as *Fire Prevention Month*, and the week of October 7-13, 2012 as *Fire Prevention Week*, and the 2012 theme "Have Two Ways Out!" effectively serves to remind us to develop and practice a home fire escape plan.

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

the month of October as
FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

and

the week of October 7-13, 2012 as
FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to practice their home safety escape plan during Fire Prevention Month, ensure their homes have working smoke alarms, and support the many public safety activities and efforts of Tampa Fire Rescue.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 7th day of October, 2012.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor