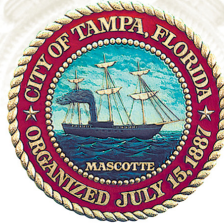


Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, since 1983, the President of the United States has proclaimed a **National Minority Enterprise Development Week** to recognize the outstanding achievements of minority and small business enterprises; and

WHEREAS, minority and small business enterprises are the fastest growing segment of the nation's business community and are a significant economic force; and

WHEREAS, minority and small business enterprises provide needed products and services and contribute significantly to the local economy; and

WHEREAS, minority and small businesses serving Tampa and the neighboring communities enhance the quality of life for residents through job creation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa recognizes the importance of a successful and vibrant minority and small business community and is committed to the development and growth of them by ensuring equal business opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Tampa Bay Minority Enterprise Week Conference held October 2-5, 2012 at the Mainsail Suites Hotel and Conference Center in Tampa, Florida with the theme ***Job Creation in America: Build it Here – Sell it Everywhere*** will feature workshops, seminars, business matchmaking, tradeshow and a minority business showcase bus tour.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 2-5, 2012 as

“MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT WEEK”

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to become aware of and patronize our local minority and small businesses.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 27th day of September, 2012.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

