

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, since its early history, Tampa Florida has been a center of diverse cultures and people that have immigrated from all over the world, helping to shape its rich heritage and uniqueness; and

**WHEREAS**, many who made Tampa home traveled from European countries, including Scotland, and they became developers, community and business leaders, public servants and clergy; and

**WHEREAS**, included in the many notables that hailed from Scotland and led Tampa into the 20<sup>th</sup> Century were **James McKay, Sr.**, who served as the only non-citizen Mayor of Tampa and one of the city's most respected residents; his son **James McKay, Jr.**, who also served as Mayor, and as Captain of the Mascotte steamship, Postmaster of Tampa, and two terms in the Florida State Senate; and **Hugh C. Macfarlane**, a prominent lawyer, City of Tampa and Florida State Attorney, businessman, and credited with the development of West Tampa; and

**WHEREAS**, our community is indebted to the Scottish Settlers who risked a great deal to move themselves and their families to the United States of America and rebuild their lives in Tampa, and we are grateful for the contributions they made in developing our city into the vibrant and richly diverse place it is today; and

**WHEREAS**, across the nation and among Tampa residents are many that descend from the clan "Gregor," claiming descent from King Kenneth Alpin in the year 850 A.D., and over one-hundred years ago many of those descendants formed the *American Clan Gregor Society* in order to preserve their heritage, history and customs for future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Clan Gregor Society will hold its 103<sup>rd</sup> gathering in Tampa, Florida on October 11-13, 2012, first meeting at the Scottish Settlers Memorial on Bayshore Boulevard for a Remembrance Ceremony with a luncheon to follow at the iconic Columbia Restaurant in Historical Ybor City.

**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 13, 2012 as

## **"CLAN GREGOR DAY"**

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all citizens to join me in showing appreciation to those of Scottish heritage for the contributions to our country made by them and by their ancestors, and in congratulating Clan Gregor on this special gathering.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2012.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

