

Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the Elevator Escalator Safety Foundation (EESF) was created in 1992 to educate the public on the safe and proper use of elevators, escalators and moving walks; and

WHEREAS, while accidents are few, most that do happen can be avoided; thus, the Elevator Escalator Safety Foundation is committed to providing various programs throughout the year at schools and facilities to increase the public's awareness of safe riding behavior; and

WHEREAS, these programs include education for specific segments of society such as *Safe-T Rider* for children which has reached millions of students in the United States and Canada since its inception, and sponsoring National Elevator Escalator Safety Awareness Week, providing an opportunity for individuals, companies and organizations to spread the word about public safety in the industry; and

WHEREAS, this public safety awareness program is celebrated throughout the United States and Canada with volunteers reaching millions of riders with important safety messages; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is committed to the safety of our citizens and is pleased to join with the Elevator Escalator Safety Foundation in recognizing this annual observance.

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 week of November 11-17, 2012 as

"ELEVATOR ESCALATOR SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK"

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to learn the importance of rider safety and to commend all those involved with Elevator Escalator Safety Foundation for their efforts on behalf of this important public safety initiative.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 31st day of October, 2012.

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