

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, West Tampa, Florida was established in 1892 when Hugh C. Macfarlane purchased 200 acres of land just west of the Hillsborough River for development, and within just a few short years, thousands of people moved into the area, and on May 18, 1895 West Tampa was incorporated. By 1905 it became Florida's fifth largest city, and in 1925 the City of West Tampa was annexed by the City of Tampa; and

WHEREAS, the **West Tampa Chamber of Commerce** was established in 1929 and its mission is to provide leadership and business opportunities that foster growth and quality of life while preserving the historical values of the West Tampa Community; and

WHEREAS, the **West Tampa Optimist Club** was founded in 1948 and is committed to "Bringing out the Best in Kids" in the community through its support of civic service clubs such as the West Tampa Boys & Girls Club, Salvation Army, youth sports organizations, and scholarship programs, and its efforts over the years have resulted in many awards and recognitions from Optimist International's national and regional divisions; and

WHEREAS, annually the West Tampa Chamber of Commerce and the West Tampa Optimist Club bestow the *George Guida Memorial Outstanding Citizen of West Tampa Award* to an individual for their continuous service to the West Tampa Community and for meeting the criteria of having held an executive office in a civic club or community project, and served in community activities, fundraising or active leadership, and on January 24, 2013 at the Annual Recognition Banquet, **Dr. Jack R. Lamb** will be this year's honoree for his many years of dedication and contributions to West Tampa; and

WHEREAS, an educator, administrator, and a champion for students, especially those with disabilities, Dr. Lamb served on the School Board of Hillsborough County from 2000 through 2012, has served as Executive Director of the Hillsborough County Association of School Administrators, as an adjunct professor at the University of Florida, University of Tampa and Nova University, and served as a consultant to school districts and universities around the United States and in Canada. Among his many accomplishments, Dr. Lamb co-founded the Florida Coalition for the Education of Exceptional Students and founded the Florida School Boards Association's Florida Learning First Alliance. Dr. Lamb has been actively involved in the Tampa Bay community including the West Tampa Chamber of Commerce, University of South Florida's Latino Advisory Committee, St. Lawrence Catholic School Board, and Ybor City Rotary.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim January 24, 2013 as

"WEST TAMPA DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all citizens to join me in congratulating Dr. Jack R. Lamb on this deserving recognition, and thanking the West Tampa Chamber of Commerce and West Tampa Optimist Club for the commitment and leadership dedicated to the residents and business community of West Tampa.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor