

# Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa takes pride in recognizing those individuals whose commitment and dedication have made a lasting impact on our community and its citizens. Anthony “Andy” Johnson, WTVT FOX 13 Meteorologist, is one such person; and

**WHEREAS**, born and raised in Tampa, Florida, Andy attended St. John’s Episcopal and Temple Heights Christian Schools, and during a visit to WTVT FOX 13 as a child, Andy stated that he would one day work there as a Meteorologist; and

**WHEREAS**, Andy graduated Cum Laude from Florida State University with a double major in Meteorology and Mathematics and a minor in Physics, and was inducted as a member of the prestigious Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, Chi Epsilon Pi, and Pi Mu Epsilon; and

**WHEREAS**, Andy’s broadcasting career in meteorology began in 1979 when he was hired by long-time WTVT FOX 13 Chief Meteorologist Roy Leep, and for over three decades he has been a trusted source of local and national weather information, guiding viewers through all of the major storms from Hurricanes David and Fredrick in 1979 to Hurricane Debby in 2012, and he provided significant support to the citizens in South Florida during Hurricane Andrew in 1992 when television stations in that area were forced off the air and the National Weather Service lost radar capabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, known for his commitment, integrity and expertise, Andy has become a visible part of Tampa Bay and is just one of only five meteorologists, nationally, to carry both the American Meteorological Society’s (AMS) *Certified Broadcast Meteorologist* and *Certified Consulting Meteorologist* designations, is recognized as an expert in forensic meteorology, and listed in “Who’s Who in the World and America” and “Who’s Who in Science and Engineering.” A strong believer in mentoring and developing young talent, he has overseen the intern program at WTVT FOX 13 for many years, serves as a trustee of the Bert Wappler and Dr. Dewey Stowers Memorial Scholarships for students pursuing careers in the field of Meteorology, has served as adjunct instructor at several colleges, and as a guest speaker at local schools; and

**WHEREAS**, as one of the most popular television personalities in the Tampa Bay area and well respected by his peers in meteorology, the media and viewing audience, the City of Tampa is honored to congratulate Andy Johnson on his retirement from WTVT FOX 13 after 33 years, and grateful for the many contributions he has made to our community and its citizens.

**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 29, 2013 as

## “ANDY JOHNSON DAY”

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join me in wishing him continued success and happiness in his future.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor