

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Labor (DOL) was established on March 4, 1913 when President William Howard Taft signed the bill creating it as Cabinet-level department of the federal government of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the United States Department of Labor is to foster, promote, and develop the welfare of the wage earners, job seekers, and retirees of the United States; improve working conditions; advance opportunities for profitable employment; and assure work-related benefits and rights; and

WHEREAS, for the past 100 years, the United States Department of Labor has met the ever-changing challenges of a growing workforce and nation in its efforts to make the American workplace safer, healthier, and fairer for everyone, and has been committed to protecting the rights of all workers of all ages through legislative actions including the Walsh-Healy Public Contract Act, establishing the first national minimum wage, and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission created to prevent workplace discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the impact of the United States Department of Labor reaches beyond the workplace, touching people's lives at all stages by allowing employees to take leave to tend to loved ones, provide training for veterans and young people, and guaranteeing the pensions of retired workers; and

WHEREAS, the organization continues to evolve to accommodate the altering needs of the American worker by partnering with employers, community organizations and institutions of higher learning to improve job training, provide lifelong learning opportunities and advancement efforts for profitable employment; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Labor has been of inestimable value for the past century, and it will remain of paramount importance to the well-being of all Americans in the future, addressing tomorrow's conditions and meeting the needs of future workers with the same insight, foresight and commitment it has always demonstrated.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 4, 2013 as

"UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in congratulating the United States Department of Labor on this 100th Anniversary milestone and thanking them for all they have contributed to the American workplace.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 22nd day of February, 2013.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

