Proclamation

Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, our nation is built upon the principle that recognizing the inherent dignity, equality and inalienable rights of all persons is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world; and

WHEREAS, Youth for Human Rights International is a nonprofit organization established in 2001 with the purpose of teaching youth about human rights based on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by United Nations General Assembly in 1948, and teaches human rights education both in and out of the classroom with the intent to reach people from diverse backgrounds, with youth-oriented materials; and

WHEREAS, human rights violations continue to occur in various forms of discrimination, torture, bullying, incited violence, and plagues our streets and schools nationwide, and it is imperative that we teach our youth to be advocates for human rights and mutual respect; and

WHEREAS, Youth for Human Rights Florida, a Chapter of Youth for Human Rights International, takes an active part in the community by teaching human rights to ensure all youth understand and take responsibility not only for their own human rights, but more importantly that they respect the rights of others; and

WHEREAS, Youth for Human Rights Florida volunteers have dedicated their days, nights, and weekends to help the youth in the city of Tampa and throughout the state of Florida become advocates of tolerance and peace; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is sincere in our desire to protect human rights and is appreciative of the Youth for Human Rights International and Youth for Human Rights Florida for their continued efforts on behalf of our young 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 April 5, 2013, as

"YOUTH FOR HUMAN RIGHTS DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join me in working to protect the rights of all citizens.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 26th day of March, 2013.

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Mayor

City of Tampa Florida