

Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, service to others is the hallmark of the American character, and every day in cities across our nation service is tackling tough problems and strengthening communities; and

WHEREAS, national service expands economic opportunity by creating more sustainable, resilient communities and providing education, career skills, and leadership abilities for those who serve, and represents a unique public-private partnership that invests in community solutions and leverages non-federal resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, the mayors of cities across the United States of America are increasingly turning to service and volunteerism as a cost-efficient strategy to meet community needs, and experience has taught us that government by itself cannot solve all the social problems, and a dedicated community putting forth time and energy is instrumental to achieving change and success; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) is a federal agency that engages more than four million Americans in service through its AmeriCorps and Senior Corps, and other valuable programs that address the most pressing challenges facing our cities and nation, from educating students and supporting military families to preserving the environment and helping communities recover from natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay community is appreciative of the many services provided to our community by AmeriCorps and Senior Corps through many dedicated local organizations including Metropolitan Ministries, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa Bay, the Homeless Coalition of Hillsborough County, the Education Foundation of Hillsborough County, and Volunteer Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation for National and Community Service shares a priority with mayors nationwide to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities and is joining with them in support of Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by the virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 9, 2013, as

"MAYORS DAY OF RECOGNITION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to recognize the positive impact of national service in our city, thank those who serve, and find ways to give back to their community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 5th day of April, 2013.



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