

# Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, the **Florida Association of Minority Business Enterprise Officials** (FAMBEO) was founded in 1986 by a dedicated group of minority and women business enterprise public administrators, whose goal was to collaborate with colleagues statewide on the best practices and effective program strategies that facilitate minority business participation in public sector procurement; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of FAMBEO is to provide professional development, information and networking opportunities to supply diverse professionals and historically underutilized businesses, to foster an environment of economic inclusion and contribute to legislation and public policies that encourage the utilization of underutilized businesses within government and corporate contracting; and

**WHEREAS**, to accomplish its goals, FAMBEO trains professionals in effective administration of **Minority Business Enterprise** (MBE) Programs, educates the community on the importance of supporting small business growth and development, supplier diversity and utilization, serves as a voice for minority businesses, and channels effective means of communication with business enterprise officials; and

**WHEREAS**, FAMBEO illustrates that MBE Programs are moving beyond *total dollars spent* to the *economic impact* that these types of programs bring to a community by way of better wages and jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, the association works diligently to serve, monitor, and address local, state and federal legislation affecting equal business opportunity and is a resource to local elected officials, the Governor's Office, and the State Legislature on policy formulation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Association of Minority Business Enterprise Officials is hosting their spring training themed, "***Business Resources Collaborating: Fostering Economic Development***" on April 10-12, 2013, at the Sheraton Tampa East Hotel, and the convention will comprise of workshops, guest speakers, business matchmaking, and a trade show to promote the development of locally owned minority businesses.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of Tampa, Florida do hereby proclaim April 10 to April 12, 2013 as

***"FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE  
OFFICIALS WEEK"***

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to become aware of minority businesses and patronize our communities local minority and small businesses.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor