

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, sponsored by Points of Light Institute, **National Volunteer Week** was established in 1974, and recognizes that by working together organizations have the fortitude to meet regional challenges and can accomplish many goals, encouraging citizens in their respective communities to be the center of social change; and

**WHEREAS**, experience has taught us that government by itself cannot solve all of the social problems and the volunteer force of over 63 million across the United States is vital to our future as a caring and productive nation, and they dedicate their time and energy in our communities helping countless non-profit organizations provide valuable and needed services; and

**WHEREAS**, an entire community can inspire, equip and mobilize people to take action that can change the world and the individuals and organizations that give of their resources for the benefit of others are at the center of social change, and through their generosity discover their power to make a difference; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals connect with local volunteering opportunities through hundreds of community service organizations, including many of those in the Tampa, Florida area, such as the United Way HandsOn Suncoast and Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay; and

**WHEREAS**, during National Volunteer Week, United Way HandsOn Suncoast in partnership with Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay will help make essential repairs to homes in the Tampa Bay community, assisting low-income homeowners, greatly improving the quality of life for the families and the neighborhood.

**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 21 through April 27, 2013 as

## ***“NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK”***

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to get involved by volunteering and making a difference in the quality of life for others in our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 23<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

