

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, on April 22, 1970, more than 20 million people across America celebrated Earth Day by participating in teach-ins, neighborhood cleanups, bill signings, and scores of other activities to demonstrate their concern for the environment and to learn more about nature, ecology, and broader environmental concerns; and

WHEREAS, in the years since the first Earth Day, despite environmental improvements, the health of the planet is increasingly endangered, threatened by global warming, tropical deforestation, and ground, air, and water pollution, requiring action by all sectors of society; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 43rd Anniversary of Earth Day and provides a pivotal opportunity for individuals, corporations and governments to join together and create a global green economy. Locally, Earth Day serves to educate our community on many important issues from land, water, and energy conservation to mass transportation, wildlife appreciation, and promoting the greenways, blueways, and park systems so essential to our quality of life here in Tampa, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Sierra Club, and the University of South Florida's Patel College of Global Sustainability and Office of Sustainability will hold a celebration on Saturday, April 20, 2013 at the University of South Florida's Botanical Gardens, in an effort to educate citizens on the importance of acting in an environmentally-sensitive manner by recycling, conserving energy and water, using efficient transportation, and adopting more ecologically sound lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, the theme of the 2013 Earth Day Tampa Bay event is *Fresh Food Revolution*, in an effort to promoting local food growers, producers, educators and supporters, and it will feature exhibitors, vendors, a farmers market, community groups, arts and crafts, music, food, children's activities, demonstrations by businesses on new products that focus on ways to "go green" and non-profit organizations providing helpful information – all aimed to help Tampa Bay's residents create a healthy and sustainable lifestyle.

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 22, 2013 as

"EARTH DAY TAMPA BAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in pledging to do our utmost to save the planet and our community through environmental awareness.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 21st day of April, 2013.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

