

## Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, water is one of Tampa, Florida's most valuable natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, not only does tap water deliver public health safe-keeping and fire protection, it also supports Tampa's economy and the quality of life enjoyed by the citizens of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, any measure of a successful society – low mortality rates, economic growth and diversity, productivity, and public safety – is greatly influenced by its access to safe drinking water; and

WHEREAS, many dedicated men and women have made significant contributions to the development, operation, and daily maintenance of our public water systems and it has greatly benefited all members of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, we are all charged with being stewards of the water infrastructure upon which future generations will depend to receive clean drinking water; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa encourages each citizen to join in the efforts to help protect our source waters from pollution, to practice water conservation, and to get involved in local water issues.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim the week of May 5 through May 11, 2013 as

## "DRINKING WATER WEEK"

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join me in supporting the efforts of the men and women who are dedicated to ensuring our city's growing water needs will be met in the safest, most efficient, and expeditious manner.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 29th day of April, 2013.

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