

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa takes pride in recognizing those individuals whose commitment and dedication have made a lasting impact on our community and its citizens. **Jim Beamguard**, Editorial Writer with The Tampa Tribune is one such person; and

WHEREAS, a 1967 graduate of Hunter Huss High School in Gastonia, North Carolina, Jim went on to receive his Bachelor of Arts with an emphasis on political science and economics from Davidson College in 1971, where he was a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity, and served his county as an Infantry Captain in the United States Army Reserves; and

WHEREAS, relocating from North Carolina to Tampa, Florida, Jim began his career in journalism with The Tampa Tribune in 1977 as a reporter and helped direct news coverage for the sizable area of West-Central and Central Florida, from the Tampa Bay area north to Ocala and Gainesville and the entire area in between; and

WHEREAS, well-known for his integrity, commitment, and expertise, Jim was enthusiastic and excelled in each assignment, including Assistant State Editor, Bureau Chief, Deputy Editorial Page Editor, and Associate Page Editor, and he enjoyed being a journalist as each day in the newspaper industry was new and different; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, Jim became Editorial Writer for The Tampa Tribune whereby he has helped to reshape the political and literal landscape of Hillsborough County, writing about transportation, growth management, ethics and spending reform, and many other issues of public interest and concern, and he is well respected among his peers and newspaper readers as a writer with great foresight and intelligence; and

WHEREAS, Jim loves *learning interesting things from interesting people*, which has contributed to his stellar reputation as professional journalist and a man who inspires others to excellence, and he has received numerous honors including the Society of Professional Journalists' Green Eyeshade Award and Sunshine State Award, and has been recognized by the Florida Society of Newspapers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, in honor of his retirement, do hereby proclaim June 28, 2013 as

“JIM BEAMGUARD DAY”

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join me in wishing him continued success and happiness in his future.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 28th day of June, 2013.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

