

# Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, the signing of the **Constitution of the United States of America** by the Constitutional Convention took place on September 17, 1787, laying the groundwork for our system of government today; and

**WHEREAS**, this extraordinary document has safely charted our country through more than two centuries of change and growth, and has served as the model for democratic governments around the globe; and

**WHEREAS**, in commemoration of this event, the United States Congress, by joint resolution of February 29, 1952, designated September 17<sup>th</sup> as **Citizenship Day**, and by joint resolution of August 2, 1956, requested that the President of the United States proclaim the week beginning September 17<sup>th</sup> and ending September 23<sup>rd</sup> of each year as **Constitution Week**; and

**WHEREAS**, these designations remind us to recognize the importance of active, responsible citizenship in preserving our Constitution's blessings and the historic importance of the Constitution's role on our lives today; and

**WHEREAS**, these commemorations also serve to encourage us to draw strength and guidance from our Constitution in an effort to ensure that the benefits of American liberty endure and extend for generations to come; and

**WHEREAS**, established in 1890, the **National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution** (NSDAR) is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education for children, and the City of Tampa is pleased to join the **Tampa Chapter of the NSDAR** in commemorating these events; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim

September 17, 2013 as

**"CITIZENSHIP DAY"**

and

the week of September 17-23, 2013 as

**"CONSTITUTION WEEK"**

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in reflecting on the rights and responsibilities of citizenship and the many precious gifts our Constitution provides us.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2013.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

