

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, established in 1990, the **Arab American Community Center of Florida** (AACC) is a non-partisan, non-sectarian, non-profit, tax exempt organization, and its mission is dedicated to providing service that meets the community's economic, social, and cultural needs; and

WHEREAS, the Arab American Community Center of Florida strives to empower Arab-Americans so that they become healthier, stronger, engaged, and integrated citizens, and the AACC's main platform is to empower the community by providing services in health, employment, immigration, social services, cultural and political awareness, and charitable giving; and

WHEREAS, the Arab-American citizens of the community have greatly influenced the development of the Tampa Bay area, the state of Florida, and United States of America, by the sharing of their rich heritage and diversity, generous philanthropy, and the many contributions to education, health, science, and industry; and

WHEREAS, hosted by the Arab American Community Center of Florida, the **Tampa Arab American Festival** will be held on Sunday, November 17, 2013 at the Florida State Fairgrounds and will feature music, family entertainment, ethnic food, arts and crafts, a children's play area, and vendors; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Arab American Festival provides the opportunity for all citizens of the Tampa Bay community to come together to celebrated the rich traditions, music and tastes of the Arab-American culture.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim November 17, 2013 as

"TAMPA ARAB AMERICAN FESTIVAL DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in thanking the Arab American Community Center of Florida for organizing the Tampa Arab American Festival and for its contributions to the community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 12th day of November, 2013.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

