

Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, The University of South Florida's (USF) College of Engineering is a leader in creating new knowledge and solving real problems through innovative research in the areas of sustainability, renewable energy, and biomedical engineering; and

WHEREAS, the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Student Chapter at USF offers engineering students opportunities to acquire additional skills not found in textbooks that include leadership development and project management; and

WHEREAS, the ASCE Student Chapter at USF will host the 2014 Southeast Regional Student Conference on March 27-30, 2014 in Tampa, Florida, and the event will educate, inspire, and provide opportunities for engineering students demonstrate their knowledge, and acquire new skills; and

WHEREAS, the conference will bring together over 1,200 students and professionals from more than 25 universities in Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, and Puerto Rico to compete in events that will challenge students' knowledge and skills, and create learning opportunities in areas including water resources, geotechnical, environmental, transportation, and more; and

WHEREAS, competitions during the conference will include constructing a steel bridge from conception and design through fabrication, erection and testing, building a concrete canoe which will provide students a practical application of engineering principles they have learned in the classroom, building a portable water filtration system, and designing a race car that receives its energy using water; and

WHEREAS, the members of the American Society of Civil Engineers Southeast Regional Conference Committee of USF are dedicated to continuing the tradition of advancing the Southeast region through competition and education.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by the virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 27-30, 2014 as

"AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS SOUTHEAST REGIONAL STUDENT CONFERENCE WEEK"

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join me in welcoming the ASCE Southeast Regional attendees to the Student Conference and in wishing them a successful and enjoyable week.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 20th day of March, 2014.

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