

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the **Asian American Coalition of Florida** (AACF) is a nonprofit organization founded in 1982 by Asian American leaders of the Tampa Bay area with the goal of sharing their culture and creating friendship; and

WHEREAS, the mission of AACF is to promote understanding of Asian culture, narrow the gap between the East and the West, preserve Asian heritage and culture for future generations, and contribute to and work in harmony to maintain the great multicultural assets of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, annually, during *National Asian Pacific American Heritage Month*, **AsiaFest** is held in downtown Tampa, Florida with the goal of sharing the Asian culture with the public, and promoting the bond of friendship and better understanding and appreciation of the diversity of the Tampa Bay community; and

WHEREAS, the Asian American Coalition of Florida, along with the Asian American Affairs Liaison Office of the Hillsborough County Board of Commissioners, will host the **31st Annual AsiaFest** on April 26, 2014, in Cotanchobee Fort Brooke Park in the Channelside District in downtown Tampa; and

WHEREAS, this free public event, presented by AACF, the City of Tampa, Hillsborough County, Tampa Bay Dragon Boat Races, the Glazer Children's Museum, and Bright House Networks, will present a colorful celebration featuring cultural representation of Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, the festival will feature the 6th Annual Miss Asia Fest Competition, traditional dance and music, Asian ethnic cuisine, dragon boat races, and provides the opportunity for the entire community to come together in celebration.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Saturday, April 26, 2014 as

"ASIAFEST 2014 DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to participate in the AsiaFest 2014 festivities, and thank the organizers and many sponsors for providing this annual festival that celebrates the rich history and culture of the Asian American community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 26th day of April, 2014.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor