

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, the open exchange of public discourse is essential to the democratic system of government; and

**WHEREAS**, as a cornerstone of democracy, Americans have observed certain rules of behavior known as civility; and

**WHEREAS**, civility, derived from the Latin words “civitas” meaning city and “civis” meaning citizen, is behavior worthy of citizens living in a community or in common with others and is understood to mean the act of showing regard for others; and

**WHEREAS**, displays of anger, rudeness, ridicule, impatience, and a lack of respect and personal attacks detract from the open exchange of ideas, prevent fair discussion of the issues, and can discourage individuals from participation in government; and

**WHEREAS**, civility can assist in reaching consensus on diverse issues, allow for mutually respectful ongoing relationships and help in establishing optimum business practices; and

**WHEREAS**, civility can uplift our daily life and make it more pleasant to live in an organized society; 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 the month of May 2014 as

## **“CIVILITY MONTH”**

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and is pleased to join with other cities and counties throughout our state and the Local Government Section of the Florida Bar in urging our citizens to adopt a pledge of civility toward each other throughout the year.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

