

# Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, the Tampa, Florida area is well-known for its diversity and uniqueness in people, places, and businesses, and they play an important role in the vitality of our city – serving as leaders in our community that is critical to Tampa’s success as the nation’s 53<sup>rd</sup> largest city; and

**WHEREAS**, the individuals and businesses of the Tampa Bay area contribute to our cultural and enhance the quality of life in our neighborhoods by providing both residents and visitors with excellence, and by striving to make improvements to our community through the quality services they offer; and

**WHEREAS**, *Creative Loafing*, Tampa Bay’s third largest newspaper and an award-winning publication that is known for its commitment to the community, organized the first **Best of the Bay** event in 1991 to promote local people, places and businesses in the community and engage citizens in celebrating the many wonderful facets of the Tampa Bay area; and

**WHEREAS**, during this popular annual event, Tampa Bay residents take an active part in the Best of the Bay by voting in various categories that include People, Places, Politics, Food & Drink, Goods & Services, and Arts & Entertainment by going to [www.ctampa.com/both](http://www.ctampa.com/both) to select their favorites; and

**WHEREAS**, 2014 marks the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Best of the Bay event that is coordinated, promoted and publicized by *Creative Loafing*, highlighting some of Tampa’s best and putting them in the spotlight; and

**WHEREAS**, on Wednesday, September 17, 2014, *Creative Loafing* will present over 300 awards to the Best of the Bay winners that were selected by the citizens at an Awards Party at The Coliseum in St. Petersburg.

**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 2014 as

## ***“BEST OF BAY MONTH”***

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all residents to join in the festivities by taking the opportunity to vote in the Best of the Bay event whereby acknowledging the best in our area and recognizing those that have made an impact on our community over the past year.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2014.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor