

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, *entrepreneurship* is often defined as the process of starting a business or other organization, and the *entrepreneur* develops a business model, acquires the human and other required resources, assumes the risk and is responsible for its success or failure, and in recent years, entrepreneurship has been known to include social and political activity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa recognizes entrepreneurship builds and strengthens a sustainable local business economy and is an effective stimulus for the revitalization of the community, and is committed to creating a nurturing environment that encourages and supports entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, **Up Global**, a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering entrepreneurship, grassroots leadership, and strong communities with a mission to make the world a more innovative and prosperous place, and **Chase Bank**, the United States consumer and commercial banking business of JPMorgan Chase & Company, have partnered in presenting to the Tampa, Florida community **Tampa Bay Startup Week**; and

WHEREAS, Tampa Bay Startup Week is a five-day celebration with the mission of building momentum and opportunity around entrepreneurship, and it brings awareness to the dedication and hard work by entrepreneurs who help to shape our community; and

WHEREAS, led by committed entrepreneurs and organizations, and hosted in entrepreneurial environments including businesses, stores, offices, and co-working spaces, the week-long event will include moderators, speakers, a walking tour, movie screening, children's class, job fair, forums, design jam session, and fun activities including a ping pong tournament at Lykes Gaslight Park and a conga dance through downtown Tampa, and the central hub for Tampa Bay Startup Week will be at the Chase Basecamp located on 7th Avenue in Historic Ybor City featuring fireside chats, startup showcases, mentor sessions, refreshments and a daily late afternoon happy hour.

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 week of February 2-6, 2015 as

"TAMPA BAY STARTUP WEEK"

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to recognize the importance of entrepreneurs and value they add to our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 2nd day of February, 2015



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

