

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, a brewery is a dedicated building for the making of beer, an alcoholic fermented beverage that is the world's third-most popular drink overall, after water and tea; and

WHEREAS, Tampa, Florida is home to a dozen local craft breweries which provide entrepreneurial pride and, because brewing is considered by many to be an art, a chance to showcase their skills; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay area brewers are dedicated to their craft, and committed and passionate about providing world class brews for people to enjoy, both locally and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the local brewing industry provides jobs for citizens of the community, and brings together the residents, brewers, distributors, retailers, restaurants and entertainment venues in the Tampa Bay area neighborhoods, providing an increased quality of life; and

WHEREAS, *Tampa Bay Beer Week, Incorporated* is a non-profit organization consisting of brewers, brewery owners, distributors, home brewers, and independent beer enthusiasts, and its mission is to celebrate the Tampa Bay beer culture, and to showcase the area as an emerging and vibrant craft and specialty beer destination; and

WHEREAS, established in 2012, **Tampa Bay Beer Week** has since hosted more than 750 events ranging from large-scale festivals to beer tastings, beer dinners, and more, and its success has contributed to the growth of the Tampa Bay area and the craft beer community; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 Tampa Bay Beer Week will be celebrated March 7th – 15th, and will feature the *Florida Brewers Guild Craft Beer Festival* in Cotanchobee Park in downtown Tampa on Saturday, March 7, 2015, and a week-long celebration that will include beer tastings, brewery tours, opportunities to learn about beer and its history, special offers by local establishments, and the 2015 Best Florida Beer Championships.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 7-15, 2015 as

“TAMPA BAY BEER WEEK”

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and encourage the community to join in the celebration and support local brewers.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 5th day of March, 2015.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor