

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, Chase Bank, the United States consumer and commercial banking business of JPMorgan Chase & Company, is sponsoring the *2nd Annual Tampa Bay Startup Week*, a five-day celebration with the mission of building momentum and opportunity around entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS, Tampa Bay Startup Week brings awareness to the dedication and hard work by entrepreneurs who help to stimulate our economy and shape our community, and to the entrepreneurial opportunities available; 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 opening and closing ceremonies, workshops, moderators, speakers, children's class, exhibits, forums, and fun activities, and the central hub for Tampa Bay Startup Week will be at the Chase Basecamp located at the District 3 Arts & Events venue located at 802 E. Whiting Street in downtown Tampa featuring startup showcases, mentoring, 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 8-12, 2016 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 8th day of February, 2016



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

