

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, Startup Tampa Bay is hosting its 5th Annual Techstars Startup Week Tampa Bay, a five-day celebration with the mission of building momentum and opportunity around entrepreneurship;

WHEREAS, Techstars Startup Week Tampa Bay 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 Techstars Startup Week Tampa Bay will be at the Basecamp located at the Armature Works in historic Tampa Heights 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 4-8, 2019 as

"TECHSTARS STARTUP WEEK TAMPA BAY"

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 28th day of January, 2019

B.S. Buchhow



Mayor