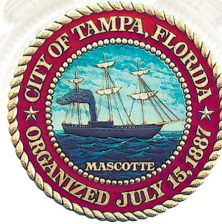


Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the month of February is recognized nationwide as Black History Month, and people of all ethnicities and nationalities will participate in cultural programs at schools, churches, government buildings, businesses, and community centers to celebrate the many great contributions African-Americans have made to our country and its history; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of Black History Month was initiated in 1926 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, founder of the Association for the Study of Negro Life, to expose all citizens to the rich heritage of African Diaspora and the historic African-American struggle, which is a testament to the triumph of the human spirit; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Black historical study is to affirm the humanity of a people once denied citizenship and remind ourselves that our history as a community and as a nation is woven together by our common humanity and common quest for an even greater America; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month provides us all with the opportunity to transcend stereotypes and appreciate Americans' contributions to science, literature, architecture, industry, music, philosophy, religion, education, and others; and

WHEREAS, the 24th Annual City of Tampa Black History Celebration will be held in Tampa on February 8, 2012 with a theme of *"Reining in Finance: Reshaping the American Dream."* During the celebration, various activities are planned including the keynote address by Mrs. Pamala L. McCoy, CEO of BONA5D Credit Consultants, showcasing of the Black History "Living" Museum, acknowledgement of the many contributions African-Americans have made to the city of Tampa, the state of Florida, and the United States of America, and recognition of several City of Tampa employees for their dedication to our community.

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 month of February, 2012 as

"BLACK HISTORY MONTH"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in participating in the various events and celebrations that honor this annual tradition.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 23rd day of January, 2012.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

