

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Islamic community is a vibrant part of the diverse and multiethnic society that comprises the citizens of the Tampa, Florida area; and

WHEREAS, the **Tampa Bay Muslim Alliance** (TBMA), established in 1996, represents the Tampa Bay Islamic community and its various institutions within our city; and

WHEREAS, TBMA and its members support the advancement of individuals, organizations, and institutions in achieving excellence, and helps the underprivileged, underserved and needy of the community by enabling them to achieve independence and self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, the organization endeavors to recognize and encourage citizens – Muslims and non-Muslims – who strive to achieve higher goals of citizenship, and supports the advancement of civil society by promoting moral, cultural, and social values, irrespective of race, religion, color or creed; and

WHEREAS, TBMA advocates cooperation, understanding and continuous dialogue between all faiths, all races, and all ethnicities to achieve a just, peaceful and harmonious society; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Muslim Alliance holds a festival yearly to give generously to the underprivileged in the Tampa Bay community by providing food, clothing, toys, medical tests, and other necessities, and this year the *17th Annual Islamic Charity Festival* will be held on Sunday, April 6, 2014, at the Julian B. Lane Riverfront Park, 1001 North Boulevard in the city of Tampa, Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 6, 2014, as

"ISLAMIC CHARITY FESTIVAL DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all citizens to join in the festivities on this date and thank the Tampa Bay Muslim Association for its generosity to the community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 14th day of March, 2014.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

