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Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, water is one of Tampa, Florida's most valuable natural resources, and a basic and essential element of life; and

WHEREAS, the health, comfort, safety, and economic vitality of the Tampa community and it citizens depend on a readily available supply of safe, high-quality potable water; and

WHEREAS, any measure of a successful society – low mortality rates, economic growth and diversity, productivity, and public safety – is greatly influenced by its access to safe drinking water; and

WHEREAS, many dedicated men and women have made, and continue to make significant contributions to the development, operation, and daily maintenance of our public water systems, and it has greatly benefited all members of the community; and

WHEREAS, we are all charged with being stewards of the water infrastructure upon which future generations will depend on to receive clean drinking water, and it is important to remember the value of our water resources; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa encourages each citizen to join in the efforts to help protect our source waters from pollution, to practice water conservation, and to get involved in local water issues.

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 May 4-10, 2014 as

"DRINKING WATER WEEK"

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join me in supporting the efforts of the men and women who are dedicated to ensuring our city's growing water needs will be met in the safest, most efficient, and expeditious manner.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 21st day of April, 2014.



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