

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, public transportation is an important part of our nation's transportation system and provides American citizens with travel options other than driving an automobile, strengthens the economy by providing jobs, reduces traffic, saves energy and enhances safety; and

WHEREAS, riding public transit is an economical way to save money, and the American Public Transportation Association Transit Report shows that a two person household that downsizes to one car can save, on average, over \$10,000 annually; and

WHEREAS, every \$1 invested in public transportation generates about \$4 in economic returns, powering community growth and revitalization, and the United States public transportation use reduces the nation's carbon footprint by 37 million metric tons; and

WHEREAS, locally, the Hillsborough Area Regional Transit (HART) passengers travel nearly five miles per trip, and HART buses make over 545,000 trips per year, which keeps approximately 45,000 vehicles off Tampa roadways; and

WHEREAS, the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), established in 1882, is the leading force in advancing public transportation and its mission is to strengthen and improve the industry, and to ensure that public transportation is available and accessible for all Americans in communities across the United States; and

WHEREAS, June 19, 2014 marks the *9th Annual National Dump the Pump Day*, a day established by the American Public Transportation Association to encourage people to ride public transportation to save money, revitalize communities, protect the environment, reduce dependence on foreign oil, and improve the quality of life for all Americans; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Thursday, June 19, 2014 as

“NATIONAL DUMP THE PUMP DAY”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all citizens to Dump the Pump and utilize public transportation as often as possible to save money and energy.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 10th day of June, 2014.



City of
Tampa
Florida

Bob Buckhorn

Mayor