

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, since 1983, the President of the United States has proclaimed a **National Minority Enterprise Development Week** to recognize the outstanding achievements of minority and small business enterprises; and

WHEREAS, minority and small business enterprises are the fastest growing segment of the nation's business community and are a significant economic force; and

WHEREAS, minority and small business enterprises provide substantial products and services and contribute significantly to the local economy; and

WHEREAS, minority and small businesses serving Tampa, Florida and the neighboring communities enhance the quality of life for residents through job creation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa recognizes the importance of a successful and vibrant minority and small business community and is committed to the development and growth of them through prescribed equal business opportunity initiatives; and

WHEREAS, **Tampa Bay Minority Enterprise Development Week Conference** held August 19-22, 2014 in Tampa, Florida with the theme "**Connecting Business with Opportunity**" features seminars, business matchmaking, a tradeshow, and a renowned minority business showcase bus tour.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim August 19-22, 2014 as

"MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT WEEK"

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to become aware of and patronize our local minority and small businesses.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 12th day of August, 2014.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

