

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, Leif Erikson, son of Eric the Red, was sent by Norway's king, Olav Trygvasson, in the year 1000 A.D. to bring Christianity to the Nordic settlements of Greenland; and

WHEREAS, Leif Erikson's subsequent voyages took him further westward to a land he called Vinland on the northern coast of what is known today as Newfoundland, Canada, and he and his Viking contemporaries are believed to have been the first Europeans to actually set foot on the first settlement in the New World, and October 9th is recognized annually as Leif Erikson Day, commemorating the first European settlement in North America by the Vikings; and

WHEREAS, the courage, resolve, and adventurous spirit exhibited in their voyages is characteristic of the determination and strong work ethics of their descendants here in the United States, and the Americans of Scandinavian birth or descent, some of them early settlers of our community, have contributed greatly to the socio-economic fabric of our city; and

WHEREAS, the Scandinavian Trade Association (STA), headquartered in Tampa, Florida, is the only non-profit trade association in the United States of America representing Norway, Sweden, Iceland, Denmark, and Finland through one organization; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of Leif Erikson Day, the Scandinavian Trade Association will host a **Florida Viking Fest** on October 9, 2014 at the Tampa Garden Club for the purpose of promoting and uniting businesses and organizations with Scandinavian backgrounds, and it will feature the display of a large Viking ship, Viking enactment show, music, speakers, and Scandinavian food, drinks and costumes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 9, 2014 as

"LEIF ERIKSON DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to take part in the activities planned in recognition of this great explorer and in honor of the many American-Scandinavians who live in our area.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 19th day of September, 2014.



City of
Tampa
Florida

Bob Buckhorn

Mayor