

# Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, bookstores, and particularly independent bookstores, throughout our nation are far more than just a retail store, they are places of discovery, of history, and of community; and

**WHEREAS**, literacy and reading skills enhance the lives of individuals of all ages and from all walks of life, and introducing a child to the magic of books, or wandering the aisles of a neighborhood bookstore opens one's mind to endless possibilities and discoveries seldom found in other places; and

**WHEREAS**, independent bookstores offer more than the books on their shelves, they host literary events, promote local authors, and encourage reading and literacy, and they create a center that is an important part of the community where people find their visits to be rewarding and inspiring; and

**WHEREAS**, **Florida Bookstore Day** was established by *Wordier Than Thou*, a nonprofit affiliated with the Showcase Arts Foundation, to celebrate independent bookstores, promote literacy and reading, and support Florida authors and small presses; and

**WHEREAS**, independent bookstores around the state of Florida will participate in Florida Bookstore Day on Saturday, November 15, 2014, and locally in the Tampa community Mojo's, Old Tampa Book Company, Inkwood Books, Oxford Exchange and Book Swap of Carrollwood will join in by hosting literary events to bring awareness to the joy and value of books and reading.

**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 Saturday, November 15, 2014 as

## **“FLORIDA BOOKSTORE DAY”**

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens foster their love of reading and enhance their literacy skills by visiting and supporting their local independent bookstore.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

