

# Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, the **Republic of Peru**, a country in western South America, is a representative democratic republic that officially proclaimed its independence from Spanish rule by José de San Martín on July, 28, 1821, after the Peruvian War of Independence, a series of military conflicts that began in 1811, and the victorious Battle of Ayacucho in 1824 affirmed its independent status; and

**WHEREAS**, Peru has a wonderfully rich heritage and was home to ancient cultures including the *Inca Empire*, and the *Norte Chico* civilization, considered one of the oldest in the world, and it has evolved to include a multiethnic Peruvian population of approximately 30.4 million in twenty-five national regions and the Province of Lima; and

**WHEREAS**, the diverse city of Tampa, Florida is composed of many nationalities that upholds a spirit of multiculturalism, and the American citizens of Peruvian origin have greatly contributed to the Tampa Bay area by their generous philanthropy, cultural promotions, and active participation in educational, scientific, health, and other fields that enhance the community and quality of life of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the **194<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Peru's Independence**, guests will join together for the **Independence of Peru Gala** at the Feather Sound Country Club on Saturday, July 28, 2015, and all those in attendance will celebrate the culture, heritage, and history Peru; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa is pleased to congratulate Peru, its citizens, and those of Peruvian descent in the Tampa Bay community on this special Independence Anniversary Celebration, and on Peru's dedication to freedom for the past 194 years.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim July 28, 2015 as

## ***"PERU INDEPENDENCE DAY"***

in the City of Tampa, Florida and call upon our citizens to join me in acknowledging the journey that Peru has made as a country, and celebrate its cultural richness and contributions to the world.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2015.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

