

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 significant economic forces; and

WHEREAS, minority and small businesses serving Tampa, Florida and the neighboring communities enhance the quality of life for residents through job creation, and they contribute to the local economy by providing needed products and services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa recognizes the importance of a successful and vibrant minority and small business community and is committed to stimulating economic development and growth by ensuring equal business opportunities; and

WHEREAS, National Minority Enterprise Development Week is the largest sponsored event by the Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency and the Small Business Administration to recognize the significant contributions of minority owned businesses to the United States economy; and

WHEREAS, Tampa Bay Minority Enterprise Development Week Conference held August 25-28, 2015, at the Sheraton Princess Palm Tampa East Hotel in Tampa, Florida features the theme "***Resolve to Grow Your Business: Connecting Business with Opportunities***" to focus on empowering minority business leaders to be key stakeholders in diversifying the local economy, and the event includes providing business owners with valuable tools from experts through workshops, seminars, procurement matchmaking, and a *Business Pitch Competition* before a live audience for a cash prize and pro bono marketing services.

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 25-28, 2015 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 10th day of August, 2015.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

