

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, **National Payroll Week** celebrates the United States of America Workers and the dedicated Payroll Professionals who pay them, and together, through payroll withholding, \$2.08 trillion is contributed and collected, equating to 68 percent of the United States Treasury's annual revenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the payroll professionals in public and private sectors across the nation and in the Tampa, Florida area help to maintain the economic health of our communities by reporting, collecting and depositing tax withholdings and unemployment insurance, assisting with child support enforcement, and other important payroll functions, and it is estimated that payroll departments collectively spend \$15 billion annually in compliance of myriad federal and state wage and tax laws; and

**WHEREAS**, established in 1982, the **American Payroll Association** (APA) with a national membership of more than 21,000 creates opportunities and forges a community by providing the education, skills, and resources necessary for payroll professionals to become successful leaders and strategic partners within their organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, locally, the Bay to Gulf Chapter of the American Payroll Association is dedicated to the core values of the organization, including Leadership, Teamwork, Passion, Excellence, Empowerment, Diversity, and Fun, and the members help to educate our business community and the public about payroll tax withholding systems, governmental and compliance procedures, and other important information; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Payroll Week was created in 1996 by the American Payroll Association with the slogan ***America Works Because We're Working for America*** to bring awareness about the payroll industry, the withholding system and payroll related benefits, and it recognizes the efforts and commitment of the payroll professionals in ensuring accuracy and compliance in the paychecks of our nation's workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, National Payroll Week is held annually in September during the week of Labor Day, this year falling on Monday, September 7, 2015, and it celebrates the significance of the adage "*an honest day's work for an honest day's pay*" and it honors the economic, cultural, and social achievements of America's more than 156 million wage earners; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 7-11, 2015 as

## ***NATIONAL PAYROLL WEEK***

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in thanking Payroll Professionals for their efforts in ensuring the wages of the American workers reflect accuracy, compliance and proficiency.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor