

Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, surveyors and mappers are counted among the founding leaders of our county and they were instrumental in the formation of the layout of property boundaries in the United States, providing our citizens the opportunity to enjoy the American dream of property ownership; and

WHEREAS, United States Presidents including George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and Abraham Lincoln all served as surveyors, contributing to the historical mapping of America in its early years; and

WHEREAS, surveying and mapping professionals provide valuable contributions to our nation's history, development and quality of life, and the profession requires special education, training, knowledge of mathematics, related physical and applied sciences, and requirements of law for evidence; and

**WHEREAS**, surveyors are uniquely qualified and licensed to determine and describe land and water boundaries for the management of natural resources and protection of private and public property rights, and their expertise assists in making important decisions; and

WHEREAS, the continual advancements in instrumentation have required the surveyor to not only be able to understand and implement the methods of the past, but also to learn and employ modern technology in finding solutions to meet the challenges of the future; and

**WHEREAS**, locally, the Tampa Bay Chapter of the Florida Surveying and Mapping Society, a nonprofit association established in 1999, represents the surveying and mapping profession, and it assists and contributes to the standards of the profession for the benefit of the general public and the members of the organization.

**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 week of March 20-26, 2016 as

## **"FLORIDA SURVEYORS & MAPPERS WEEK"**

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all citizens to recognize the many contributions and the ongoing dedication of surveyors to our community and throughout the United States.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 10th day of March, 2016.



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