

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, on April 22, 1970, more than 20 million people across America celebrated Earth Day by participating in teach-ins, neighborhood cleanups, bill signings, and scores of other activities to demonstrate their concern for the environment and to learn more about nature, ecology, and broader environmental concerns; and

WHEREAS, in the years since the first Earth Day, despite environmental improvements, the health of the planet is increasingly endangered, threatened by global warming, tropical deforestation, and ground, air, and water pollution, requiring action by all sectors of society; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 46th Anniversary of Earth Day and provides a pivotal opportunity for individuals, corporations and governments to join together and create a global green economy. Locally, Earth Day serves to educate our community on many important issues from land, water, and energy conservation to mass transportation, wildlife appreciation, and promoting the greenways, blueways, and park systems so essential to our quality of life here in Tampa, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the University of South Florida's Patel College of Global Sustainability, the City of Tampa, and Learning Gate Community School will hold a **EcoFest – Earth Day Tampa Bay 2016** celebration on April 23, 2016 at Lowry Park in an effort to educate citizens on the importance of acting in an environmentally-sensitive manner by recycling, conserving energy and water, using efficient transportation, and adopting more ecologically sound lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, the theme of the 7th Annual EcoFest is *Ecology, Equity and Economy* in an effort to support and celebrate the many businesses, organizations, and individuals in the Tampa Bay area dedicated to the principles of sustainability, and the free event will include live music, workshops, demonstrations, informational booths, green living products, services and businesses, local artists, environmental organizations, alternative health practitioners, renewable energy specialists, and organic farms and gardens with produce.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Saturday, April 23, 2016 as

“EARTH DAY TAMPA BAY”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in pledging to do our utmost to save the planet and our community through environmental awareness.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 23rd day of April, 2016.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor