

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 by focusing on increasing procurement of more inclusive contracts in the region, Tampa has seen women and minority owned businesses spike drastically; 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 October 11-14, 2016 at the Tampa Marriott Westshore Hotel in Tampa, Florida features the theme "**Connecting Business with Opportunity**" to focus on empowering minority business leaders to be key stakeholders in diversifying the local economy, and the event provides business owners with valuable tools from experts through workshops, seminars and procurement matchmaking.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 11-14, 2016 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 11th day of October, 2016.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

