

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, Economic Development can be defined as efforts that seek to improve the economic well-being and quality of life for a community through creating and retaining jobs, supporting and growing incomes, and increasing or maintaining the tax base that provides services; and

WHEREAS, economic developers promote the economic health and prosperity of cities, stimulate and incubate entrepreneurship which helps to establish the next generation of new businesses, attract and retain high-quality talent, and they create significant opportunities for local businesses to expand internationally by guiding them through the exporting process; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is the county seat and largest city in Hillsborough County, the third most populous city in Florida, and its economy is founded on a diverse base including tourism, health care, finance, insurance, technology, construction, and the maritime and aviation industries; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is proud of the continuous economic achievements made in our city and the efforts to further its growth, and it recognizes this can only be accomplished through forging partnerships with other local, regional and statewide agencies, corporations, businesses and entrepreneurs including the Tampa Hillsborough Economic Development Corporation, the Tampa Bay Partnership and Visit Tampa Bay; and

WHEREAS, established in 2001, the *International Economic Development Council* (IEDC) was formed by merging the American Economic Development Council and the Council for Urban Economic Development and its motto is *The Power of Knowledge and Leadership*, and it created **Economic Development Week** to celebrate the achievements of economic developers, increase awareness about local programs that create jobs, advance career development opportunities, and bring attention to the enhanced quality of life brought on by economic growth; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Economic Development Week, the Tampa Hillsborough Economic Development Corporation is launching a social media campaign and hosting an *Open House and Media Roundtable* on Thursday, May 11, 2017 to bring awareness to Tampa's citizens about the importance of economic development to the Tampa Bay area's economic future.

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 May 8-13, 2017 as

“ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to observe this week by recognizing and appreciating the quality of life provided by the efforts of economic developers in our city, state and nation.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 1st day of May, 2017.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor