## Local matrix

Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, The Love Foundation, Inc., is a Tampa, Florida non-profit organization whose mission is to further the understanding and application of love through education, research and charitable programs; and

**WHEREAS**, hosting weekly mediation groups in cities around the world, it is the foundation's belief that love begins with self acceptance and forgiveness, and that with tolerance and compassion, we can embrace diversity; and

WHEREAS, teaching that a difference can be made in our communities by choosing love over fear; kindness over hate; integration over separation; and peace over war, The Love Foundation focuses on joining energies through peaceful thoughts and feelings, ultimately restoring balance to our lives; and

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to share their vision, The Love Foundation is sponsoring the eighth annual Global Love Day with several local events being held in conjunction with cities worldwide celebrating once again the theme of "Love Begins With Me".

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2011 as

## "GLOBAL LOVE DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all residents to learn that love for our fellow citizens begins with each of us as individuals and that we should use this day to reflect on ways this understanding can make a difference in our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 15th day of April, 2011.

Mayor

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