WHEREAS, land surveyors are counted among the founding leaders of our county and 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 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, the surveying profession requires special education, training, the knowledge of mathematics, the 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

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 time; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Tampa recognize the valuable contributions of the surveying profession to history, development, and quality of life throughout our country, and make important decisions based on the knowledge and expertise of licensed surveyors and mappers.

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 18-24, 2012 as

“NATIONAL SURVEYORS 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 12th day of March, 2012.

Bob Buckhorn, Mayor