

RESOLUTION #2011-04

TAMPA BAY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act was passed by Congress in October 1986 and the Florida Hazardous Materials Emergency Response and Community Right-to-Know Act was passed by the Florida Legislature in 1988; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Accidental Release Prevention Program became effective in July 1999 and the Florida Accidental Release Prevention and Risk Management Planning Act was passed by the Florida Legislature in 1998; and

WHEREAS, more than 10,000 businesses and government facilities in Florida have reported the use of hazardous materials and more than 1,300 hazardous material incidents are reported in Florida annually; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Act requires businesses and government facilities with certain quantities of covered substances to formulate emergency plans and procedures, improve emergency response, and report hazardous materials-related incidents to federal, state and local officials; and

WHEREAS, Accidental Release Prevention and Risk Management Planning requires businesses and government entities with certain quantities of covered substances to develop plans to prevent accidental releases and have a coordinated emergency response program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the week of **January 22-28, 2012** be observed as Tampa Bay EPCRA Awareness Week to heighten public recognition of efforts to safeguard the community from hazardous materials and to acknowledge the unique public participation component of the program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that jurisdictions within the Tampa Bay Region publicize this event to citizens of the community.



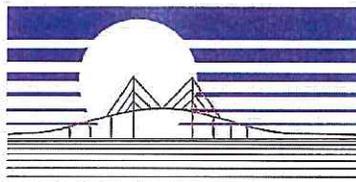
William D. Dodson, Chair
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

ATTEST:



Lori Denman, Recording Secretary

The above resolution was approved by
the majority vote of the full membership
this 12th day of December, 2011



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