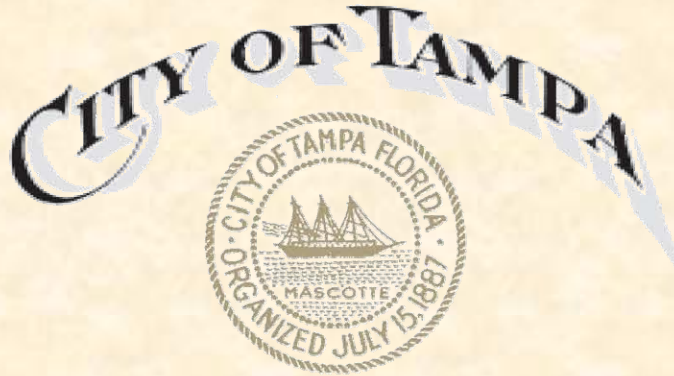


Proclamation



PAM IORIO, MAYOR

WHEREAS, statistics compiled by the National Childhood Cancer Foundation indicate that cancer remains the number one disease claiming the lives of our children, with more than 12,500 children and young adults being diagnosed each year; and

WHEREAS, our children are our most precious resource and Tampa is fortunate to have many businesses and organizations within our community committed to raising funds to assist in the research and treatment of children afflicted with cancer; and

WHEREAS, the Pediatric Cancer Foundation is one such organization. Founded in 1991 by two Tampa mothers, Melissa Helms and Risa Tramel, the mission of this non-profit organization is to raise funds for pediatric research which will lead to the elimination of pediatric cancer worldwide; and

WHEREAS, over the past fifty years, research has yielded many answers to the mysteries of pediatric cancers and, currently, up to 75% of the children diagnosed can now be cured – up from only 10 percent in the early 1950's; and

WHEREAS, through donations made possible by Pediatric Cancer Foundation seed grants, early stage research projects are undertaken and often result in breakthroughs that qualify researchers for national funding research. To date, these seed grants have been made available to researchers at All Children's Research Institute in St. Petersburg, St. Joe's Children's Hospital in Tampa and Shan's Hospital at the University of Florida in Gainesville; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is honored to join in efforts by local organizations to assist those affected by this disease and encourages the support and participation of our citizens.

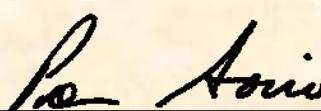
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pam Iorio, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of September, 2006 as

"CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing and honoring all those involved in the many organizations supporting cancer patients and their families.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 1st day of September, 2006.





Mayor