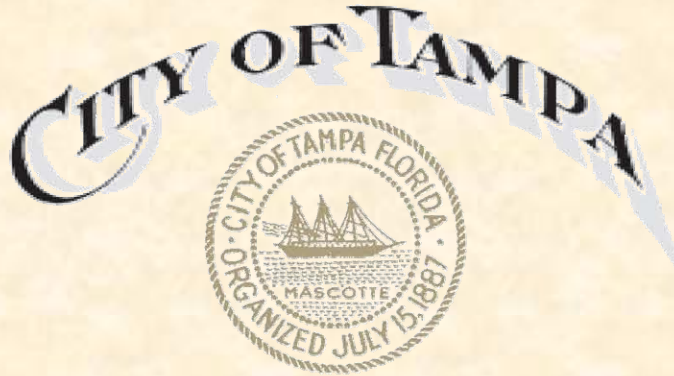


Proclamation



PAM IORIO, MAYOR

WHEREAS, Minority Enterprise Development Week recognizes the contributions of minority business enterprises throughout the nation and acknowledges their accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, more than 1 million entrepreneurs in the United States exemplify the success of our economic freedom, through job creation and new products and services being brought to our marketplace; and

WHEREAS, minority businesses serving the Tampa Bay area have enhanced the local economy and improved the quality of life for residents; and

WHEREAS, Tampa recognizes local minority businessmen and businesswomen and maintains a strong commitment to their development and growth; and

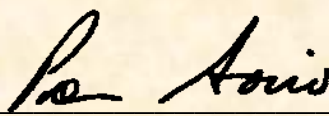
WHEREAS, the 2006 Tampa Bay MED WEEK activities will include workshops and programs geared around the theme "Mastering the Supply Chain" with their annual Awards Banquet being held on September 12th in honor of those who have worked tirelessly on behalf of our minority-owned businesses and business development centers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pam Iorio, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida do hereby proclaim September 12th through 15th, 2006 as

"MINORITY ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT WEEK"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in recognition of this observance.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 12th day of September, 2006.



Mayor

