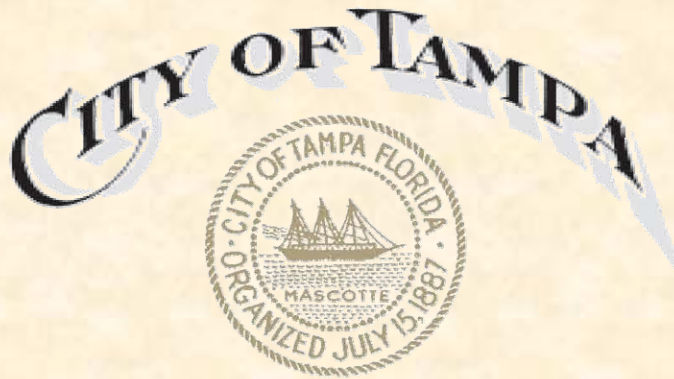


Proclamation



PAM IORIO, MAYOR

WHEREAS, the practice of law is a demanding, challenging and complex endeavor, one in which the rights, liberties and safety of our citizens have been protected and preserved for centuries; and

WHEREAS, members of the bar require knowledgeable and reliable assistance to fulfill the duties of their profession and paralegals have become an invaluable source of support, providing a variety of skilled professional services; and

WHEREAS, paralegals are highly educated, trained, and experienced professionals with expertise in legal and case research, interviewing clients and witnesses, legal and correspondence writing, and other critical areas of successful and efficient law practice; and

WHEREAS, the value of talented paralegals is often overlooked by the general public, but their worth is never underestimated by the lawyers and firms for which they work; and

WHEREAS, paralegals work to maintain integrity and a high degree of competence throughout the legal profession and, through their assistance, the cost of providing legal service to our citizens is reduced; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Paralegal Association and other like organizations are dedicated to the advancement of the paralegal profession through education, a network of support, and raising public awareness and appreciation.

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 week of September 15-22, 2006 as

“PARALEGAL WEEK”

And September 15, 2006 as

“PARALEGAL DAY”

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in expressing appreciation to this group of professionals for their many contributions to our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 15th day of September, 2006.





Mayor