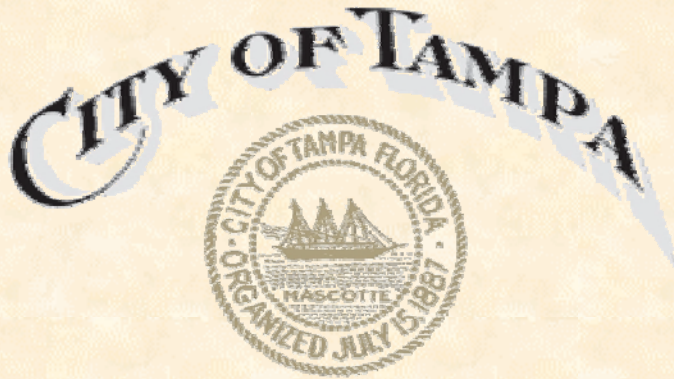


Proclamation



PAM IORIO, MAYOR

WHEREAS, National Farm-City Week, the seven days leading to and including Thanksgiving, has been proclaimed each year by the President of the United States to emphasize the successful partnerships that exist between rural and urban residents who make our food and fiber system the envy of the world; and

WHEREAS, Hillsborough County ranks third in the state and 45th in the nation in the value of agricultural products, estimated at more than \$724 million annually, making agriculture a significant portion of the county's economy; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to recognize the nearly 3,000 farms located within Hillsborough County and their contributions to our way of life, Hillsborough County recognizes this week with various events coordinated through the Farm Bureau and other agricultural organizations; and

WHEREAS, this year the Hillsborough County Agriculture Industry Development Program, along with the Hillsborough County Farm Bureau, has again organized a Farm-City Festival to be held at the Joe Chillura Courthouse Square on November 14th highlighting the various commodities grown in the area and the importance that agriculture has on our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa wishes to join with Hillsborough County and all other participating organizations in recognizing this event and the important part that our county plays in producing our nation's agricultural products.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pam Iorio, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim November 17-23, 2006 as

"FARM-CITY WEEK"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all residents to join me recognizing our farmers and all those involved in the agriculture production and marketing industries of our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 14th day of November, 2006.





Mayor