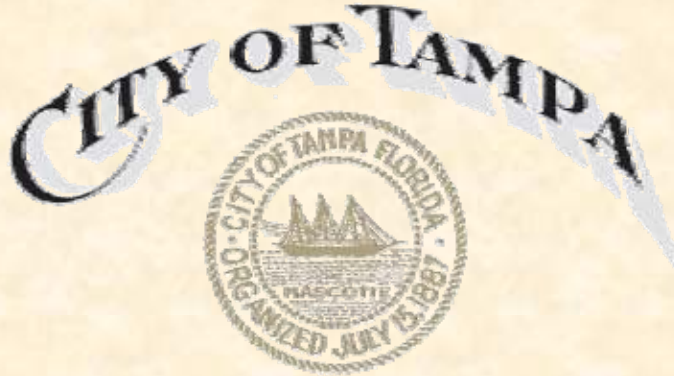


# Proclamation



**PAM IORIO, MAYOR**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa takes pride in recognizing those individuals whose commitment and dedication have made a lasting impact on our community and its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Robert B. Gilbertson, Jr., is one such person. As President and CEO of the Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA, he has been responsible for building a strong organization that is devoted to making life better for the youth of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, under his two decades of leadership, 12 new branches were constructed in the Tampa area resulting in membership increasing from 5,000 to 130,000 and a growth in the budget from \$1 million to over \$33 million, greatly contributing to the YMCA's charitable mission of building strong kids, strong families and strong communities; and

**WHEREAS**, his leadership has also benefited the national YMCA movement as a trustee on the National YMCA Retirement Board and through his service on a national steering committee for the YMCA's collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other partners to more effectively address the rising rates of obesity and preventable disease; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to all Bob Gilbertson has done for the Tampa YMCA, his concern for our youth was also evident through his leadership of a community-wide collaborative effort to privatize the child welfare system in Hillsborough County which today serves over 4500 neglected and abused children throughout the community; and

**WHEREAS**, while he will be leaving to take the helm of the YMCA of Greater Seattle, the City of Tampa will continue to reap the benefits of all he has done for our community and is honored to join the Tampa YMCA in honoring and recognizing the difference he has made in the lives of our youth over the past 30 years.

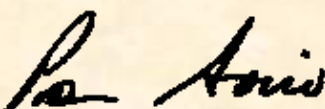
**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Pam Iorio, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim January 11, 2007 as

*"ROBERT B. GILBERTSON, JR. DAY"*

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in expressing appreciation to him for his many contributions to our youth and our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2007.



  
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Mayor