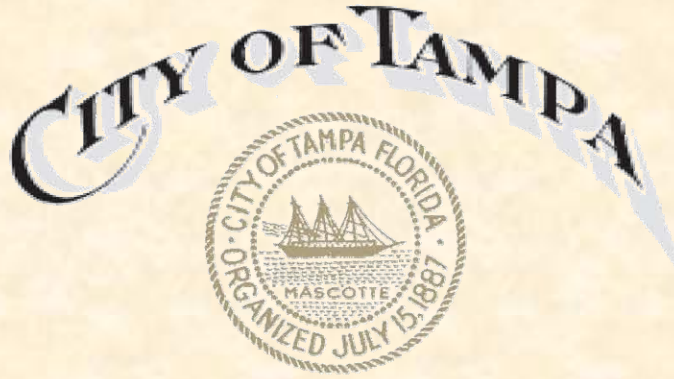


Proclamation



PAM IORIO, MAYOR

WHEREAS, Dr. Maria Montessori, a native of Italy whose observations of children and of their development led her to design what has come to be known as the Montessori Method of education, provided to the world a great departure from the educational philosophies of the early twentieth century and instituted a movement that has spanned the globe and continues today to influence educational practices throughout Tampa, the United States and the World; and

WHEREAS, based on her observations of children and the manner by which they learn, Dr. Maria Montessori developed an innovative philosophy of education in the early 1900's that continues to influence learning across the City of Tampa; and

WHEREAS, a system for the education of children from birth through secondary schools, the Montessori program focuses upon providing materials, techniques and experiences that support the learners' natural development and encourages children to "learn how to learn," to gain independence and self-confidence, and to promote the principles of peace and responsible world citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the Montessori Method is based upon thoughtful observation of individual children and includes developmental teaching, one-to-one lessons, and the promotion of respect among the children and peace to humankind; and

WHEREAS, Montessorians around the world will gather in February of 2007 to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the first Montessori School; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the City of Tampa recognizes the immeasurable contributions of Beach Park School, a non-profit, independent Montessori school for children age 3 through 8th grade, and congratulate all Montessorians on the 100th anniversary of the first Montessori school.

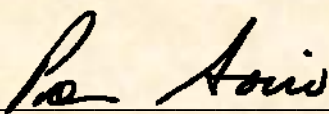
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pam Iorio, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim February 25 – March 3, 2007 as

"MONTESSORI EDUCATION WEEK"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing our community's many Montessori schools as valuable education resources and in paying tribute to the long and distinguished history of the Montessori Method and to the teachers, both past and present, who have contributed immeasurably to the education of our citizens.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 28th day of February, 2007.





Mayor