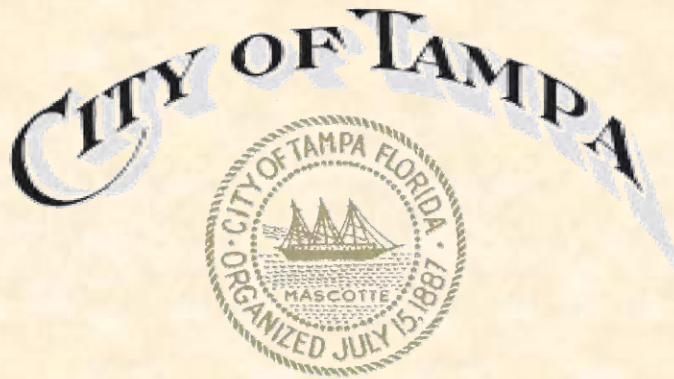


Proclamation



PAM IORIO, MAYOR

WHEREAS, March 15 through April 15 has been designated by the State as Florida Heritage Month in an effort to heighten awareness of our state's rich history, its historical sites, museums and libraries, and the visual and performing arts; and

WHEREAS, in the spring of 2006 Reclaiming Our Heritage, Inc., a nonprofit organization, enlisted the assistance of local sponsors and regional history groups to host a week of heritage-focused events heralding the Bay Area's 50 boomtown years (1875-1925). These events, entitled "Florida Heritage CELEBRAT!ON", helped to broaden awareness of our area's impact on our state during the last 125 years; and

WHEREAS, themed "from Cracker to Flapper!", these events heralded the Bay Area's growth from 720 citizens in 1875 to more than 100,000 in 1925, providing lessons on our area's culture and economic prosperity that resulted from such industries as railroads, citrus, cigars, real estate and cow herding; and

WHEREAS, the 2007 Florida Heritage CELEBRAT!ON will be held from April 5 to April 15 and will again include various historical and family-friendly activities chronicling these boomtown years including Florida cracker living history performances, art exhibits, citrus packing plant tours, 1920s flapper movies, panel discussions on 1890s African American entrepreneurs, events designed to make history a fun learning experience for our youth, and many more; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is pleased to recognize Reclaiming Our Heritage, Inc. and the generous sponsors and volunteers for their commitment to preserving the history and culture of our community.

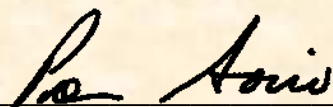
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pam Iorio, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 5-15, 2007 as

"FLORIDA HERITAGE CELEBRAT!ON DAYS"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to take part in the activities planned to celebrate our community's culture and heritage.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 5th day of April 2007.





Mayor