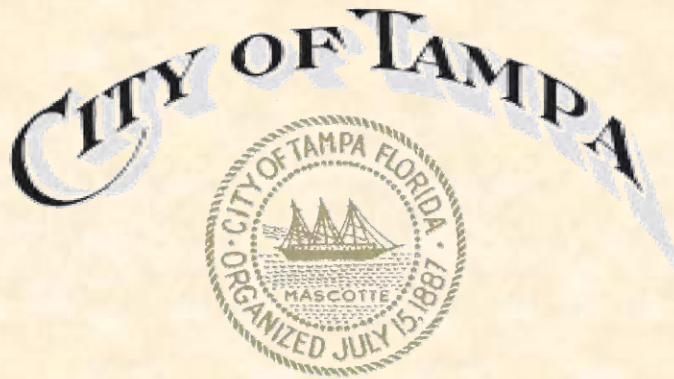


Proclamation



PAM IORIO, MAYOR

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa prides itself on giving back to the community, contributing to the quality of life among our citizens young and old; and

WHEREAS, Voices for Children, in partnership with the Guardian ad Litem Program, speaks for the best interests of abused and neglected children who are involved in the juvenile courts; and

WHEREAS, over 5,200 children in Hillsborough County enter the legal system after being abandoned or being removed from their abusive or neglectful homes each year; and

WHEREAS, Voices for Children, a non-profit organization, works with the Guardian ad Litem program to promote and support quality volunteer advocacy to help assure each child a safe, permanent, nurturing home; and

WHEREAS, through a national effort, Tampa community members are encouraged to join together to raise awareness for those children fallen victim to abuse and neglect throughout the month of April; and

WHEREAS, this effort will give abused and neglected children in our community and around the country a chance to be heard and an opportunity for a safe and positive future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pam Iorio, Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim April 10, 2007 as

"VOICES FOR CHILDREN - GUARDIAN AD LITEM DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join in a national effort to raise awareness and help prevent child abuse and neglect.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 10th day of April, 2007.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pam Iorio", is written over a horizontal line.

Mayor

