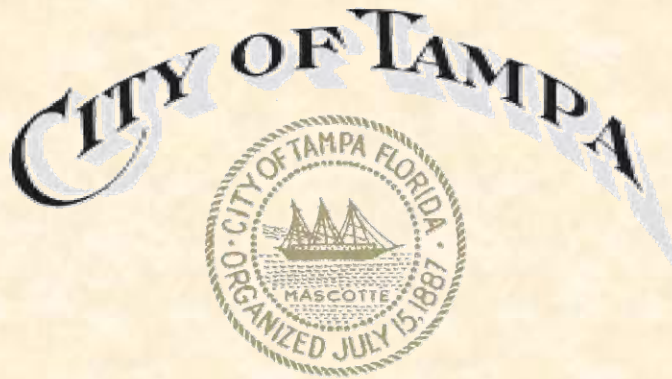


Proclamation



PAM IORIO, MAYOR

WHEREAS, the vibrant and time honored traditions of caring in Tampa shine proudly forth through the noteworthy contributions faithfully rendered by the dedicated Letter Carriers in our community who, in addition to maintaining high standards of quality mail delivery, are always eager to do their part to make a positive difference in the lives of the people they serve; and

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service is working to support the sound goals of the Tampa Bay Harvest, a very successful venture which collects donations of food for distribution to those in need; and

WHEREAS, millions of Americans are in need of supplemental food assistance each month and Tampa is not untouched by these statistics; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Letter Carriers, in conjunction with the United States Postal Service, is teaming up in an effort to tackle the hunger problem nationwide; and

WHEREAS, during this special day, Letter Carriers will, on a volunteer basis, pick up non-perishable food items that are left by the mailboxes of concerned citizens in the Tampa area and will deliver them to selected key points for later distribution to local shelters, food kitchens, and other programs for those who are less fortunate; and

WHEREAS, the food collected will remain in the local area, to feed the hungry of Tampa; and

WHEREAS, more than 70.5 million pounds of non-perishable food was collected and distributed to the hungry in our country last year with Tampa collecting over 1,350,000 pounds and this year's goal is to exceed that amount.

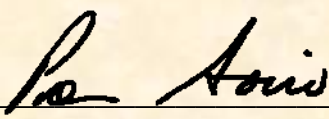
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pam Iorio, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida do hereby proclaim May 12, 2007 as

"LETTER CARRIERS 15TH ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all residents to join me in saluting the Letter Carriers and the United States Postal Service for participation in this valuable campaign and in applauding the generosity of those who will be contributing items for pick-up by these compassionate and civic-minded citizens.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 3rd day of May, 2007.





Mayor