

# Proclamation



*Pam Iorio, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, on September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Tampa Hispanic Heritage, Inc. will again be celebrating their Annual Hispanic Gala and presentation of the 2007 Hispanic Man of the Year Award; and

**WHEREAS**, Tampa Hispanic Heritage, Inc., is an organization devoted to preserving and promoting our diverse Hispanic culture. Together with corporate partners, they are able to honor those men and women who represent excellence by their outstanding achievements, endeavors and contributions that have helped to preserve, promote and enrich the lives of other Hispanics in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hispanic Man of the Year Award is given annually to an individual who has greatly contributed to the Hispanic community and our city as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, the individual chosen to receive this year's honor, Dr. Ferdie Pacheco, is also known as Centro Ybor's official ambassador and as someone who has dedicated his career to preserving Tampa's past through his renowned art work; and

**WHEREAS**, a noted pharmacist, doctor, boxing analyst, novelist, and screenwriter, Dr. Pacheco's art work is known for depicting Tampa's colorful immigrant history, with Ybor City's cultural and urban icons becoming the models for his colorful creations and for seven of his 14 published books; and

**WHEREAS**, gaining fame as the doctor in Muhammad Ali's corner during some of the most famous boxing matches in history, Pacheco worked with 12 world champion boxers but also was known for his medical work and advocacy for Miami's indigent black and Cuban population, largely on a charitable basis; and

**WHEREAS**, his contributions toward preserving the culture and history of Hispanics in our community clearly justify naming him Hispanic Man of the Year.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Pam Iorio, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 29, 2007 as

## **“DR. FERDIE PACHECO, HISPANIC MAN OF THE YEAR DAY”**

in the City of Tampa, Florida and call upon all residents to join me in recognizing, commending and thanking Dr. Pacheco for his service to our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007.



Mayor

