

Proclamation



Pam Iorio, Mayor

WHEREAS, as home to the NFL's 27th franchise, Tampa is proud of its championship Tampa Bay Buccaneers and on Sunday in their win against the Atlanta Falcons cinched the NFC South; and

WHEREAS, during Tampa Bay's win over the Atlanta Falcons on December 16, 2007 there was a record breaking moment in Tampa Bay's history; and

WHEREAS, after 1,864 attempts, Micheal Spurlock broke Tampa's "curse of the unreturned kickoff" and completed the 90-yard kickoff return for a touchdown, the first in Buccaneers' franchise history; and

WHEREAS, completing this feat after the Buccaneers 498th regular season game of play, the Tampa Bay players, coaches and owners celebrated with all Bucs fans; and

WHEREAS, the roar of the crowds could be heard in every corner of the bay area, down city streets, in homes and in a packed Raymond James Stadium; and

WHEREAS, Spurlock, who has only played in six NFL games and who returned nine kickoffs for 237 yards prior to Sunday's game, now has a permanent place in Tampa's Bay's history; and

WHEREAS, Spurlock will be forever credited with providing a "sigh of relief" to Head Coach Jon Gruden and Special Teams Coach Rich Bisaccia as they will never be asked again the question "When will Tampa Bay break this streak?"

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pam Iorio, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Monday, December 17, 2007 as a day to celebrate the

"BUCCANEERS' FIRST TOUCHDOWN KICKOFF RETURN"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in congratulating Micheal Spurlock on his unforgettable kickoff return for a touchdown and the entire team for their success in winning the NFC South Championship.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 17th day of December.

Mayor



City of
Tampa
Florida