

Proclamation



Pam Iorio, Mayor

WHEREAS, winter poses extreme hardship for inadequately housed extremely low-income and homeless men, women and children in our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa remains concerned about the thousands of men, women and children in the Tampa Bay area who are without a permanent and safe place to sleep each night; and

WHEREAS, the spirit of the holiday season of giving provides an opportunity for affirmation and renewal regarding our community's commitment to end homelessness; and

WHEREAS, December 21st has been designated as National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day by the National Coalition for the Homeless and the National Health Care for the Homeless Council, and is so recognized by cities nationwide; and

WHEREAS, in remembering the many individuals who have died on the streets, the cause of ending homelessness is kept urgent as is this city's collective commitment to preventing such deaths in the future; and

WHEREAS, in this season of generosity and sharing, citizens of Tampa are encouraged to commit themselves to promoting compassion and concern for others, especially those who are poor and homeless; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pam Iorio, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim December 21, 2007 as

“NATIONAL HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL DAY”

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all citizens to recognize that services are needed by those less fortunate in our community and encourage the support of all private and public non-profit service organizations in working to meet those needs.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 21st day of December, 2007.

Mayor

