

Proclamation



Pam Iorio, Mayor

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa takes pride in recognizing those individuals whose commitment and dedication have made a lasting impact on our community and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Pick Talley, Director of Utilities for Pinellas County, is one such person. Beginning his career in the water utility industry in 1971, Pick is well-known for his advocacy of environmental conservation efforts and has used his knowledge to develop various water, solid waste and land use conservation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, as a graduate of the University of Florida, Pick's career has led him to serve the citizens of both Hillsborough and Pinellas counties, and, for a short period of time, the City of Tampa. Serving as Assistant Director of the Pinellas County Water Department in 1972, he was lured to Tampa by former Mayor Dick Greco to serve as our city's Water Department Director. After holding this job for a lengthy 5 weeks, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners enticed him back across the Bay to head up their Water Department, making him the shortest tenured Director in our history; and

WHEREAS, Hillsborough County residents also benefited by his expertise during the 7 years he devoted to their needs. This included 3 years in water, wastewater and solid waste management and another 4 years serving the needs of all residents as County Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, as the Director of Pinellas County Utilities since 1994, he has managed the solid waste, wastewater, water and reclaimed water department and has been responsible for the improvement of water quality, wastewater treatment, expansion of their reclaimed water systems, and the 75 megawatt waste-to-energy plant; and

WHEREAS, currently serving as President of the WaterReuse Association, he has also served the citizens of the entire Tampa Bay region as a board member of the former West Coast Regional Water Supply, American Water Works Association and the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies; and

WHEREAS, his efforts have also been instrumental in implementing numerous initiatives and policies resulting in an improved quality of life for our residents; and

WHEREAS, while Pick Talley may be retiring from Pinellas County, his love for our area and his commitment to public service will ensure that our citizens continue to reap the rewards of his work for many years to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pam Iorio, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby encourage all citizens to join me in saluting the valuable contributions Pick Talley has made to the Tampa Bay area. We wish him the best in his well-deserved retirement and hope he continues to find challenge and reward in his future endeavors.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 13th day of March, 2008.



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Tampa
Florida

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