

Proclamation



Pam Iorio, Mayor

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is home to more than 48,000 citizens who are 60 years of age or older, representing a dramatic trend in our nation's demographic make-up; and

WHEREAS, older persons are diverse, respected citizens who continue to contribute to our nation's social and economic well-being; and

WHEREAS, the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead require us to think differently about our seniors, especially with the increased number of 'baby boomers' quickly approaching retirement age which spotlights the needs of current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, older persons remain active much longer with enhanced healthcare and have a desire to be vital, involved citizens throughout our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Housing Authority will honor seniors throughout its public housing communities and in the City of Tampa during the month of May as part of Older American Month with programs and special activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pam Iorio, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2008 as

"OLDER AMERICAN MONTH"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in honoring and recognizing the senior citizens throughout our community for the many contributions they have made throughout their lives to the progress and success of our city, our state, and our nation. We join in honoring each of you as **"Older Americans: Working Together for Strong, Healthy and Supportive Communities!"**

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 28th day of April, 2008.

Mayor

