

Proclamation



Pam Iorio, Mayor

WHEREAS, treatment and long-term recovery from substance use disorders can offer a renewed outlook on life for those who are addicted and their family members; and

WHEREAS, substance use disorders impact 22.6 million people aged 12 or older in the United States (or 9.2 percent of the population), which is more than the number of people living with coronary heart disease, cancer or Alzheimer's disease combined; and

WHEREAS, DACCO (Drug Abuse Comprehensive Coordinating Office, Inc.), located in the City of Tampa, successfully treated and discharged 956 adults and children into the Recovery community in FY 07-08 and will soon open its new facility, the DACCO Center for Behavioral Health, within the East Tama Community Redevelopment Partnership area; and

WHEREAS, studies have consistently found that individualized treatment is essential for people to be successful in their path of recovery and people who receive treatment for substance abuse disorders at DACCO can lead more productive and fulfilling lives, personally and professionally; and

WHEREAS, real stories of long-term recovery can inspire others to ask for help and improve their own lives, the lives of their families, and the entire community; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that we educate our community members that substance use disorders can lead to serious health care problems, yet by treating abuse like other chronic diseases, we can improve the quality of life for the entire community; and

WHEREAS, to help achieve this goal, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, and DACCO invite all residents of the City of Tampa to participate in National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.

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, 2008 as

"ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to become aware of the many efforts being made by DACCO in providing prevention, education and information services to individuals, families and friends who are suffering from alcoholism and drug dependence.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 9th day of September, 2008.



Pam Iorio

Mayor