

Proclamation



Pam Iorio, Mayor

WHEREAS, in June of 2007 the United States Senate passed a resolution designating September 25th as National First Responder Appreciation Day to honor and celebrate the contributions and sacrifices made by all first responders in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the men and women who serve as law enforcement officers, firefighters and emergency medical services personnel, our "First Responders," are worthy of recognition for their courage, heroism and concern for the welfare of the communities they serve, regardless of peril or injury to themselves; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel, both career and volunteer, risk their lives every day to make our communities safer through such efforts as search and rescue operations, hazardous materials response, crime and fire prevention and safety education, and responding and treating a variety of life-threatening emergencies; and

WHEREAS, First Responders make the ultimate sacrifice to protect the citizens they serve whether danger is the result of natural or manmade disasters as witnessed by the events of September 11, 2001 and Hurricane Katrina, and as is witnessed yearly during law enforcement assaults and shootings, on-duty traffic accidents, fire suppression deaths and other contributing causes; and

WHEREAS, this recognition will be celebrated locally with the first ever Heroes Bike Fest on September 25, 2008 which will provide our community with the opportunity to honor and show their gratitude to First Responders for the contributions to Tampa's citizens; and

WHEREAS, proceeds from the Heroes Bike Fest will be donated to charities serving the First Responder community; 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 September 25, 2008 as

"FIRST RESPONDER APPRECIATION DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and all citizens to join in commending these brave men and women for their public safety efforts and for their many contributions leading to an improved quality of life in our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 11th day of August, 2008.



Mayor

