

Proclamation



Pam Iorio, Mayor

WHEREAS, the Head Start/Early Head Start program has established itself as the foremost Early Childhood Development program in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health & Human Services has provided federal funds since the inception of head Start in 1965 as a comprehensive, family-oriented early childhood program for low-income parents; and

WHEREAS, to achieve its goals, Hillsborough Head Start/Early Head Start provides services to over 3,000 infants, toddlers and children annually through it's Delegate agency, Hillsborough County Public Schools, Grantee operated programs and Child Care Partners making it one of the largest Head Start Programs in the South Eastern United States, meeting not only the educational and exceptional needs of children, but providing also for their social, psychological, health and nutritional requirements; and

WHEREAS, with the support of the community, Hillsborough Head Start/Early Head Start has been able to assist working, poverty-level families in their efforts to be self-reliant and become a three-time Nationally Recognized Program of Excellence and 2007 Federally Reviewed Gold Seal Head Start Program; and

WHEREAS, Hillsborough Head Start/Early Head Start has achieved recognition as a Program of Excellence by the National Head Start Association through the provision of the highest quality services to children and families; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is pleased to recognize the efforts of Hillsborough County Head Start/Early Head Start, along with Head Start programs nationwide, in celebrating Head Start Awareness Month during the month of October 2008.

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 October, 2008 as

"HEAD START AWARENESS MONTH"

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to increase their awareness of this unique program available to our community's children and families.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 16th day of September, 2008.



Pam Iorio

Mayor

