

Proclamation



Pam Iorio, Mayor

WHEREAS, the Elevator Escalator Safety Foundation (EESF) was created in 1992 to educate the public on the safe and proper use of elevators, escalators and moving walks; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Elevator Industry, Inc., about 210 billion times a year people in the U.S. and Canada ride an estimated 700,000 elevators and 33,000 escalators that move 325 million elevator passengers and 245 million escalator passengers daily – more than the total ridership of all other forms of transportation combined, excluding automobiles; and

WHEREAS, while accidents are few, most that do happen can be avoided; thus, the Elevator Escalator Safety Foundation is committed providing various programs throughout the year at schools and facilities to increase the public's awareness of safe riding behavior; and

WHEREAS, these programs include education programs such as *Safe-T Rider* for children and *A Safe Ride*, for seniors and adults. They also sponsor National Elevator Escalator Safety Awareness Week which provides an opportunity for individuals, companies and organizations to spread the word about public safety in the industry; and

WHEREAS, this public safety awareness program is celebrated throughout the United States and Canada with volunteers reaching millions of riders with important safety messages; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is committed to the safety of our citizens and is pleased to join with EESF in recognizing this annual observance.

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 week of November 9-15, 2008 as

“ELEVATOR ESCALATOR SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK”

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to become aware of the importance of rider safety and to commend all those involved with EESF for their efforts on behalf of this important public safety initiative.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 5th day of November, 2008.



Mayor

