

# Proclamation



Pam Iorio, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, each year, Americans generate more than 217 million tons of municipal solid waste – more than 4.5 pounds per person per day. While the nation has reached an overall recycling rate of more than 30% and the City of Tampa has reached 35%, much more can be done, especially in closing the loop and purchasing products made with recycled content; and

**WHEREAS**, *America Recycles Day*, proclaimed by the President of the United States to be on November 15, is recognized nationally and represents one of the most comprehensive recycling awareness campaigns in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa is working closely with appropriate organizations and governmental agencies to educate, inform and increase awareness about the importance of waste reduction and recycling through various educational, technical and assistance programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa is committed to recycling and acts as a good environmental steward by recycling and reducing waste which directly contributes to the protection of the fragile ecosystem of Tampa Bay; and

**WHEREAS**, every business, industry, school, and homeowner can make a difference when it comes to reducing waste and recycling; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa works to encourage local business and citizens to learn about the importance of reusing and recycling in order to preserve and protect our resources for ourselves and for future generations.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Pam Iorio, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim November 15, 2008 as

## **“AMERICA RECYCLES DAY”**

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens and businesses to participate in this community effort by taking a few minutes to commit to recycling and buying recycled products whenever possible.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2008.



*Pam Iorio*

Mayor

