

Proclamation



Pam Iorio, Mayor

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is proud to be the host city of Super Bowl XLIII and honored to recognize the many business and organizations that are using this event to help make our city a better place for its residents; and

WHEREAS, of utmost significance is the commitment made by the NFL over the past 16 years to construct Youth Education Towns (YETs) in Super Bowl host cities, an initiative aimed at making a positive impact on youth in at-risk neighborhoods by providing educational assistance, job training, technical instruction, life-skills development, and recreational outlets; and

WHEREAS, with 15 YETs in existence thus far across the country, the Tampa Bay area is privileged to have two, Jackson Heights and Mort Park, both of which serve as valuable resources to our community and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, this year the NFL will continue their commitment to host cities and our nation's youth by partnering with the Glazer Family Foundation, the City of Tampa and Hillsborough County to enhance the facilities and programs at these centers; and

WHEREAS, improvements made possible through their generous contributions and governmental matching funds include the Glazer Family Football Field at Mort Park, expansion of the buildings at both centers to house innovative health and fitness initiatives, and advanced recording, digital and performing arts programming through a partnership with the Patel Conservatory at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center and the Forever Young Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa wishes to acknowledge the NFL and the Glazer Family Foundation for the positive impacts their generosity will have on our residents and our next generation of young citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pam Iorio, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim January 29, 2009 as

"NFL YET CENTERS' DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in expressing appreciation to the NFL and the Glazer Family Foundation for their support of our youth and for making the Jackson Heights and Mort Park YET Centers lasting legacies of Super Bowl XLIII.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 29th day of January, 2009.



City of
Tampa
Florida

Mayor