

Proclamation



Pam Iorio, Mayor

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa takes great pride in recognizing those individuals whose commitment and dedication have made a lasting impact on our community and its citizens. Mamie Ferlita Suszynski was one such person; and

WHEREAS, born Domenica Louise Ferlita on August 8, 1922, Mamie Ferlita Suszynski was raised in historic Ybor City and was known throughout our community for her civic involvement and as one of our city's top singers; and

WHEREAS, getting her start in show business in the early 1930s, Ms. Suszynski performed weekly on WFLA Radio and gave generously of her time by performing for troops at MacDill and at USO functions throughout the Tampa Bay area; and

WHEREAS, marrying John Suszynski in 1945 and moving to Pittsburg, Ms. Suszynski gave up her singing career to raise her three children, Frank, John and Angelo, firmly believing that her family and community needs were a priority; and

WHEREAS, returning to Tampa following the death of her husband, Ms. Suszynski worked for the Tax Collector's Office and Tampa General Hospital. Retiring in 1994, she dedicated her time to various civic causes, particularly the Ybor City Senior Citizens Committee and the Ybor City Opti-Mrs. Club, being named their Woman of the Year in 2003 and one of the Italian Club's five Women of Excellence in 2007; and

WHEREAS, she was also a member of the Las Damas del Centro Asturiano, the Italian Club, the Sons of Italy and Circle 8 of Christ the King Church, devoting countless hours to making life better for others; and

WHEREAS, although this outstanding citizen passed from our world on October 25, 2008, her legacy will continue to live on through the improvements her service has brought our city and in all those whose lives she touched.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pam Iorio, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim February 23, 2009 in honor of

"Mamie Ferlita Suszynski"

and urge all citizens to join with the Ybor City Senior Citizens Committee in celebrating her life and her life-long commitment to our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 21st day of January, 2009



Mayor

