

Proclamation



Pam Iorio, Mayor

WHEREAS, Powerstories Theatre was founded in 1998 by Executive Director Fran Powers because of her unshaken belief that each person is living a life of value filled with rich stories; and

WHEREAS, those at Powerstories know that sharing these stories enriches our own lives, and the lives of others. Their mission is staging these true stories to open minds and hearts, and inspire action world-wide; and

WHEREAS, Powerstories hosts a variety of women's and girls' programs, including Workshops where they partner with social service agencies in teaching various programs using theatre, visual arts, poetry and media – each with a strong storytelling component; and, Girlstories Leadership Theatre in which a diverse group of middle school girls who are committed to being part of a troupe dedicated to bringing inspiring messages to younger girls. Powerstories works with the troupes to develop their leadership skills through storytelling, theatre and leadership activities, play production and performance; and

WHEREAS, program participants have shown growth and marked improvements in their outgoingness, confidence, communication skills, and performance in other subjects; and

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2010, Powerstories Theatre was given the prestigious “National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award” from the President’s Committee on the Arts and the Humanities, the highest honor in the nation for programs such as this. The award was personally presented in a private ceremony to Founder Fran Powers and Girlstories Representative Naomi Diaz by First Lady Michelle Obama; and

WHEREAS, a local reception is being hosted by supporters on Thursday, November 4, 2010 to celebrate this prestigious award and to thank all those involved for making such a difference in the lives of our youth.

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 4, 2010 as

"POWERSTORIES THEATRE DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in congratulating the participants, founders and members for their outstanding work and for bringing such recognition to our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 1st day of November, 2010.



Pam Iorio

Mayor