

Pam Iorio, Mayor

WHEREAS, throughout history, the family has stood as the most fundamental human institution with the parent-child relationship forming the most powerful of human bonds; and

WHEREAS, as teachers, guardians, and mentors to their children, parents play an important role in a child's development helping shape the character of those who will be the future of our nation. Through love and commitment, parents inspire their children to realize their dreams and lead them to become successful and responsible adults; and

WHEREAS, it has been shown that a high level of parental involvement has been associated with lower levels of child delinquency, better mental health, and leads to higher levels of academic and economic achievement; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to recognize the importance parents have in the lives of their children and the future of our country, Congress unanimously passed a bill in 1994 to create a national observance for parents. This bill was signed into law on October 14, 1994 by President Bill Clinton; and

WHEREAS, the goal of this observance is to recognize, uplift, and support the role of parents in the rearing of children and to encourage parents throughout our nation to do all they can to sustain good relationships with their children; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Tampa is pleased to join in the effort to recognize parents for being roles models in the lives of our city's 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 July 25, 2010 as

## "NATIONAL PARENTS' DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to engage in activities and educational efforts that recognize, support and honor parents throughout the year.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 3rd day of March, 2010.

Mayor

