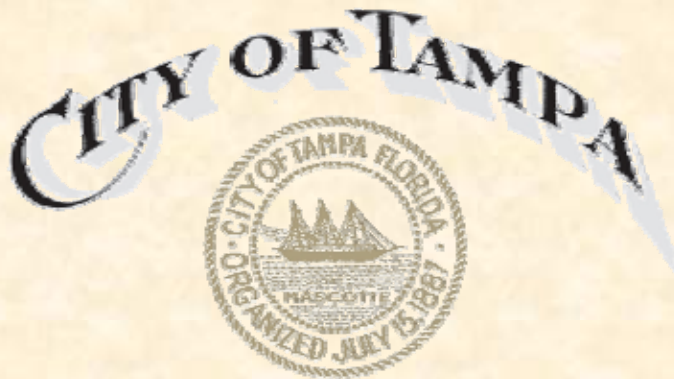


Proclamation



PAM IORIO, MAYOR

WHEREAS, the Animal Protection Institute is a national non-profit animal advocacy organization which, among its many other projects, recognizes National Bird Day as an important vehicle to educate the public about the plight of the world's birds both in captivity and in the wild; and

WHEREAS, the beauty, songs and flight of birds have long been sources of human inspiration, however, nearly 12 percent of the world's 9800 bird species may face extinction within the next century, including nearly one-third of the world's 330 parrot species; and

WHEREAS, many of the world's parrots and songbirds are threatened with extinction due to pressures from the pet trade and habitat loss; and

WHEREAS, each year, millions of birds are captured from the wild or produced in captivity, only to lead miserable lives languishing in conditions that fail to meet their instinctive behavioral and physical needs. In addition, exotic birds sanctuaries across the United States are overwhelmed with hundreds of unwanted and abused captive birds in need of rescue and life-long care; and

WHEREAS, the survival and well-being of the world's birds depends upon public education and support for conservation and the City of Tampa is pleased to take part in this recognition initiative.

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 5, 2007 as

"NATIONAL BIRD DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all citizens to learn how they can help conserve and protect the world's birds from cruelty and extinction.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 5th day of January, 2007.





Mayor