

Proclamation



Pam Iorio, Mayor

WHEREAS, founded in 1990 by Sister Anne Dougherty of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegheny, the Francis House is a non-profit interfaith center designed to respond with compassion and justice to the spiritual and emotional needs of HIV/AIDS infected and affected men, women and children; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to St. Francis of Assisi whose love for all people inspires their staff and volunteers, the Francis House offers a safe place for people to experience a positive environment that is conducive to helping individuals help themselves; and

WHEREAS, with all services being free and confidential, this day respite center is the only such program of its kind in the Bay area with programs geared toward the entire family, not just the HIV/AIDS individual; and

WHEREAS, adults are provided a multitude of services including support groups, education, individual and group mental health and substance abuse counseling, case management, nutritional support, food pantry, emergency assistance and housing case management; and

WHEREAS, Francis House is committed to serving these individuals with compassion and dignity while striving to enlighten lives with positive change; and

WHEREAS, celebrating its 20th Anniversary on August 20th, the City of Tampa is proud to join in congratulating all those involved on achieving this milestone in their history and encourages the continued commitment of our community toward this most noteworthy organization.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pam Iorio, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim August 20, 2010 as

“FRANCIS HOUSE DAY”

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all residents to join me in thanking the staff and many volunteers for their dedication and commitment to the citizens of our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 11th day of August, 2010.



Mayor

