

Proclamation



Pam Iorio, Mayor

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. devoted his life to advancing equality, social justice and opportunity for all, and challenged all Americans to participate in the never-ending work of building a more perfect union. His teachings continue to guide and inspire us in addressing challenges in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the King Holiday and Service Act, enacted in 1994, designated the King Holiday as a national day of volunteer service and charged the Corporation for National and Community Services with leading this effort. Since that time, millions of Americans have been inspired by the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to serve their neighbors and communities on the King Holiday; and

WHEREAS, serving on the King Holiday is an appropriate way to honor Dr. King, meet local and national needs, bring our citizens together, and strengthen our communities and nation; and

WHEREAS, the King Day of Service is the only federal holiday commemorated as a national day of service, and offers an opportunity for Americans to give back to their communities on the holiday and make an ongoing commitment to service throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, King Day of Service projects are being organized by a wide range of organizations across our county including non-profits, community organizations, education institutions, public agencies, private businesses and many others; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Tampa have many opportunities to participate in events throughout our city on the King Day of service, January 17, 2011, as well as create and implement community service projects where they identify the need.

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 17, 2011 as

“MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY OF SERVICE”

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to pay tribute to the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through participation in community service projects on Martin Luther King Day and throughout the year.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 3rd day of January, 2011.



Pam Iorio

Mayor