

# Proclamation



*Pam Iorio, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, the National American Heart Association has declared the month of February as “National Heart Month” in an effort to increase awareness of the risk factors and signs of heart attack and stroke; and

**WHEREAS**, Tampa General Hospital has long been at the forefront of this effort and, on June 5, 1985, was the first hospital in the State of Florida to perform a successful heart transplant procedure under the leadership of Dr. R. Vijay and other transplant team members; and

**WHEREAS**, the second heart transplant procedure at Tampa General Hospital was performed that same month and is the longest surviving patient in the state after a successful transplant operation; and

**WHEREAS**, "A CELEBRATION OF LIFE," hosted by Advanced Innovative Medicine (AIM) and joined by the Transplant Team, will honor their patient, Mr. Frank Glen Spurlin, as a 25-year Heart Transplant Survivor; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to continue this life-saving record, there is an acute need in Florida for organ donations in order to continue with these life-saving procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa wishes to acknowledge Dr. Vijay and the Heart Transplant Team at Tampa General for their efforts on behalf of our citizens.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Pam Iorio, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of February as

## ***"HEART TRANSPLANT MONTH"***

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in honoring Tampa General Hospital and the heart transplant team for all they have provided to both patients and their families.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011.



Mayor

