

Proclamation



Pam Iorio, Mayor

WHEREAS, the mission of Black Girl Speaks is to empower and elevate the disenfranchised through education and the performing arts; and

WHEREAS, a vision of Black Girl Speaks is to enhance public education, specifically for the female student population, in Hillsborough County Public Schools through supplemental support; and

WHEREAS, the Black Girl Speaks mentoring program seeks to lower Hillsborough County's adolescent pregnancy rate, raise its high school graduation rate, and increase the student morale and involvement of its participants; and

WHEREAS, the Black Girl Speaks mentoring program has renewed its annual agreement with Hillsborough County Public Schools to replicate the tremendous strides made in previous years in both academic & social development of its participants; and

WHEREAS, Black Girl Speaks has had a profound impact on all of its participants through the assistance of collegiate transition, Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test preparation, self-empowerment & conflict resolution workshops and the performance of the theatrical production of the same title.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pam Iorio, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Saturday, February 19, 2011 as

"BLACK GIRL SPEAKS DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to lend their support and seek opportunities to participate with this most worthy organization.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 1st day of February, 2011.



Mayor

