

Proclamation



Pam Iorio, Mayor

WHEREAS, Scotts Miracle-Gro's GRO1000 initiative will officially be launched at the Morning Star School in Tampa, Florida and we are honored that this global commitment to install 1,000 gardens and green spaces in the U.S., Canada and Europe will start in our city; and

WHEREAS, Scotts Miracle-Gro Company is the world's largest provider of lawn and garden products and believes in the life-enhancing qualities that gardens and green spaces bring to people and our environment; and

WHEREAS, this is affirmed by their assistance in creating community gardens and green spaces across the country for more than a decade with the help of their partners including, Keep America Beautiful, the Garden Writers Association, Plant A Row for the Hungry, the National Gardening Association and Franklin Park Conservatory; and

WHEREAS, Keep Hillsborough County Beautiful and Tampa Bay Beautification have partnered to coordinate and spearhead this effort to increase environmental knowledge and hands-on learning in our schools and unite citizens, businesses and government to find solutions that advance the core issues of beautifying communities, preventing litter and reducing waste; and

WHEREAS, we commend these companies and organizations for their efforts to make our communities greener for all citizens and to spread the love of gardening to all neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa recognizes the establishment of the Unity Garden at the Morning Star School and encourages the citizens of Tampa to celebrate this new learning garden, inspire individuals to support community gardening in their neighborhoods and donate produce to local food banks to help feed those who need our help.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pam Iorio, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 1, 2011 as

"UNITY GARDEN DAY"

in recognition of this event and urge all citizens to join me in thanking Scotts Miracle-Gro, the other sponsors, and the teachers, staff and students of Morning Star School for their commitment to this project.

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



Pam Iorio

Mayor