

Proclamation



Pam Iorio, Mayor

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa takes pride in recognizing those individuals and businesses who have contributed to the history of our great city. One of these businesses, Peninsular Paper Company, will be celebrating its 100th anniversary on March 11, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Clarke family began their legacy in Tampa with the arrival of Edward Clarke in the early 1850s with the opening of the “Blue Store” at the corner of Washington and Marion Streets in downtown. Joined by James D. Clarke in 1872, the family served our early settlers with the many necessities of life; and

WHEREAS, in 1911 James D. Clarke Jr. founded the Peninsular Paper Company, a company which provided paper and packaging throughout West Central Florida earning the name “The Pioneer Paper House of South Florida;” and

WHEREAS, in the beginning Peninsular Paper mainly served small “mom & pop” grocery stores, furnishing the necessities of the day – not only paper but also washtubs, washboards, clotheslines, etc.; and

WHEREAS, today the company has grown and includes a sister firm, Peninsular Paper Central Florida/Winter Park, serving the entire center of the state from the Gulf to the Atlantic Ocean on a daily basis. Their service now extends to manufacturing and food service establishments with disposables as well as janitorial and sanitary supplies, along with packaging products; and

WHEREAS, Peninsular Paper Company remains deeply rooted in the lives of the same Clarke family with three generations of Clarkes directing the services of the two companies with the same dedication brought to our city in 1872; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is pleased to honor this business that has contributed so much to our city over the last 100 years.

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 10, 2011 as

“PENINSULAR PAPER COMPANY DAY”

in honor of their centennial year and encourage all citizens to join me in not only congratulating them on this milestone but in thanking the family and all those they employ for their many contributions to our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 9th day of February, 2011.



Pam Iorio

Mayor