

Proclamation



Pam Iorio, Mayor

WHEREAS, in 1961, Congress designated the third week in March to be National Poison Prevention Week to help raise national awareness regarding the dangers of potentially poisonous medicines and household chemicals; and

WHEREAS, with 90% of poisonings occurring in people's homes, all citizens should be made aware of potential poisonous hazards in the home. We also need to be aware that our children can accidentally gain access to medicines, pesticides, cleaners, and other chemicals; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Poison Information Center has saved many lives and health care dollars by immediately responding to callers on the poison hotline; and

WHEREAS, the number of deaths from accidental poisoning in children have decreased dramatically; and;

WHEREAS, the Florida Poison Information Center will be joined by the American College of Medical Toxicologists, the Hillsborough County Health Department, Tampa Fire Rescue, Tampa General Hospital and Lowry Park Zoo at a Poison Prevention awareness event on March 19 at the Glazer Children's Museum that will help highlight Tampa's commitment to protecting its residents from potentially harmful poisonings; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa recognizes the importance of coming together as a community to educate ourselves on poison prevention, and pledge our commitment to ensuring the safety of ourselves, our families, and our great city.

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 week of March 20-26, 2011 as

"POISON PREVENTION WEEK"

in the City of Tampa, Florida and encourage all citizens to spread the word about poison prevention and to program the Poison Helpline number, 1-800-222-1222, into their phones for future emergency use.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 10th day of February, 2011.



Pam Iorio

Mayor