

Proclamation



Pam Iorio, Mayor

WHEREAS, nearly 24 million American children and adults – including thousands of people living in Tampa, Florida – have diabetes, a serious disease that has no cure; approximately one-fourth of the people (5.7 million Americans) have this disease with another 57 million, or one in five Americans having pre-diabetes, a condition that puts them at greater risk for developing type 2 diabetes; and

WHEREAS, diabetes has many faces affecting everyone young and old alike, including: Caucasians, African Americans, Latinos, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders; and

WHEREAS, minority populations in the United States have an increased risk for developing type 2 diabetes; and

WHEREAS, if present trends continue, one in three children born today will face a future with diabetes; and

WHEREAS, diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death by disease in the United States and people with undiagnosed diabetes may experience damage to the heart, eyes, kidneys and limbs – without producing any symptoms; and

WHEREAS, an increase in community awareness of risk factors and symptoms related to diabetes can improve the likelihood that people with diabetes will get the attention they need before suffering the devastating complications; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is pleased to join the American Diabetes Association in observing March 22, as the 23rd Annual American Diabetes Association Alert Day with the theme – *What will you do to Stop Diabetes? Know your risk.*”

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 22, 2011 as

“AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION ALERT DAY”

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to help fight this disease and its deadly complications by increasing awareness of the risk factors, making healthy lifestyle choices and provide support to those suffering with diabetes.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 20th day of January, 2011.



Pam Iorio

Mayor