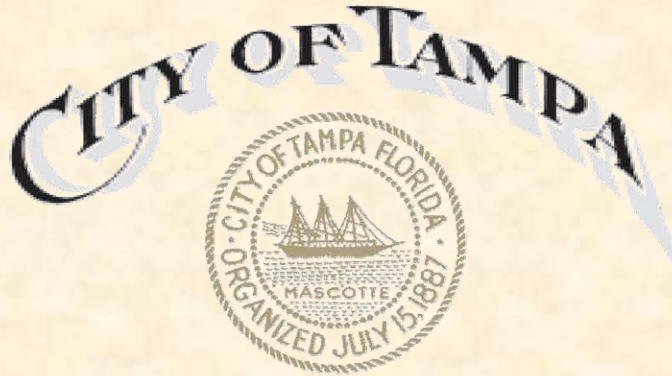


Proclamation



PAM IORIO, MAYOR

WHEREAS, in recognition of Tampa's ever-increasing cultural, economic and municipal relationship with the State of Israel, the City of Tampa was proud to formalize a Sister City relationship with Ashdod, Israel on May 6, 2005; and

WHEREAS, this relationship has presented an opportunity for our city and its citizens to develop cultural, educational and economic exchanges with Ashdod and other areas within Israel; and

WHEREAS, the city of Ashdod will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary with various ceremonies occurring with their twin cities on November 25-28, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is proud to join in this celebration and to send best wishes to the leaders and citizens of Ashdod on this most significant occasion.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pam Iorio, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim November 25-28, 2006 as

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in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join in congratulating the citizens of Ashdod, Israel on the 50th anniversary of their wonderful city and to wish them the best as they honor the proud history of their community and the entire State of Israel.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 21st day of June, 2006.



Mayor

