

# Proclamation

CITY OF TAMPA



PAM IORIO, MAYOR

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa is proud to be included with other Florida cities as a leader in recognizing and promoting mediation as an alternative to litigation; and

**WHEREAS**, mediation is used by Tampa Bay area court programs to effectively and efficiently resolve civil, criminal and family disputes; and

**WHEREAS**, mediation empowers individuals, organizations and families to foster communication and devise solutions to conflicts that are tailored to their particular needs; and

**WHEREAS**, community based-based programs are successfully being used to help resolve neighborhood and community conflicts, thereby strengthening community relationships; and

**WHEREAS**, conflict resolution is being taught and practiced by children and adults of all ages in many school systems, colleges, universities and graduate programs throughout the world, not only as a way of solving individual disputes, but also as a means toward a more peaceful society; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa is pleased to join other municipalities across the country in recognizing and promoting awareness of mediation, arbitration, conciliation and other creative, peaceful means of resolving conflicts throughout our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Pam Iorio, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 19, 2006 as

## **"CONFLICT RESOLUTION DAY"**

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the significant contributions of peaceful conflict resolvers and to celebrate this day with appropriate ceremonies, activities and educational programs.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2006.

Mayor

