

# Proclamation



Pam Iorio, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, Colorectal cancer starts in either the colon or the rectum, affecting the digestive or gastrointestinal (GI) system, normally manifesting as a polyp that develops over several years; and

**WHEREAS**, over 150,000 Americans are diagnosed each year with colorectal cancer, the second-leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States, which killed nearly 50,000 people in 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, colorectal cancer often has no symptoms until it has reached an advanced stage; however, more than 80 percent of colorectal cancer cases can be cured if caught in the early stages; and

**WHEREAS**, starting at age 50, or earlier depending on family history, everyone should be regularly screened for colorectal cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to promote awareness of colorectal cancer and to encourage people to get screened, Moffitt Cancer Center is urging people to dress in blue clothing on Friday, March 5, 2010. The goal of "Dress in Blue Day" is to foster dialogue between people about colorectal cancer and learn ways to prevent and treat the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, in conjunction with "Dress in Blue Day", Moffitt Cancer Center will have an informational booth set up at the Tampa Downtown Market with members of its GI clinic to speak with the public and answer questions regarding colorectal cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, March is recognized across the United States as National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

**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 5, 2010 as

## **"DRESS IN BLUE DAY"**

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge everyone to support those affected by colorectal cancer and to recognize the efforts of Moffitt Cancer Center in preventing and treating colon cancer in Tampa and throughout the nation.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2010.



*Pam Iorio*

Mayor

*City of*  
**Tampa**  
Florida