

# Proclamation



Pam Iorio, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, Lutheran Services Florida, a non-profit, charitable, human care agency is dedicated to helping all refugees and people in need, regardless of religious affiliation, race, age, or national origin, build new lives in freedom and become self-sufficient, productive members of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1982, Lutheran Services Florida has provided assistance to more than 209,000 refugees fleeing religious and political persecution, as well as over 640,000 at-risk children, the frail elderly, and families in crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, the University of South Florida International Affairs Department, Lutheran Services Florida, Catholic Charities, Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services, and other non-profit organizations performing refugee resettlement services in the greater Tampa Bay community are joining the United Nations and the world community in commemorating World Refugee Day on June 19, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa wishes to join these organizations in recognizing this most important 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 June 19, 2009 as

## **“WORLD REFUGEE DAY”**

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in expressing appreciation to Lutheran Services Florida and all the organizations involved in this effort for their many contributions to the citizens of our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2009.

Mayor



*City of*  
**Tampa**  
Florida