

Proclamation

CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG

WHEREAS for more than 70 years it has been the policy of this nation, under the U.S. Housing Act to promote the general welfare of the nation by employing its funds and credit to assist the several states and their political subdivisions to remedy the unsafe and unsanitary housing conditions and the acute shortage of decent, safe and sanitary dwellings for families of lower income; and

WHEREAS, according to current estimates, on any given night, there are nearly 750,000 homeless nationwide and up to 3.5 million persons who experience homelessness at some point throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Low-Income Housing Coalition's "Out of Reach" report, minimum wage earners are unable to afford even a one-bedroom home anywhere in the country, and 88% of renters in cities live in areas where the fair market rent for a two-bedroom rental is not affordable even with two minimum wage jobs; and

WHEREAS according to the "State of the Nation's Housing" report, 15.6 million households now pay more than half of their income for housing and public housing is home to over 2 million people, more than 40 percent of whom are children; and

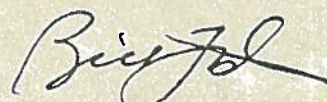
WHEREAS, the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials; American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees; Council of Large Public Housing Authorities; Enterprise Community Partners; Habitat for Humanity International, Housing Assistance Council; Local Initiatives Support Corporation; Manufactured Housing Institute; Mortgage Bankers Association; National Association of Counties; National Affordable Housing Management Association; National Association of Home Builders; National Association of Realtors; National Council of State Housing Agencies; National Housing Conference; National Housing Trust; National League of Cities; National Leased Housing Association; National Low-Income Housing Coalition; Public Housing Authorities Directors Association; and U.S. Conference of Mayors are united in an effort to raise public awareness of the importance of affordable housing and community development programs and resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, I BILL FOSTER, Mayor of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2010,

Housing America Month

in St. Petersburg and ask all citizens to join me in the dedication to meeting the affordable housing and community development needs of this community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of the City of St. Petersburg, County of Pinellas and State of Florida to be affixed this 13th day of May, 2010.



Bill Foster, Mayor

