

Petition for a naturist (clothing-optional) beach in the greater Tampa Bay area

To: Florida state and local Tampa Bay government officials

We, Tampa Bay residents / past or potential tourist visitors, support the creation of a European-style (officially designated, properly managed, and family-oriented) naturist (clothing-optional) beach section in the greater Tampa Bay area, modeled on such successful and popular U.S. naturist beaches as Haulover Beach and Gunnison Beach, as well as hundreds of such designated naturist beach areas world-wide, because:

- according to a national 2006 Roper Poll, 74% of Americans support such beaches, with local Florida polls and surveys consistently indicating similar acceptance,
- in other localities, existing designated, signed and properly managed naturist beaches have proven popular with residents, and have demonstrated no negative secondary effects, but rather to be a positive asset, to the communities in which those beaches are located, as is demonstrable by written testimonials from government and business leaders,
- naturist beaches have been shown to result in increased tourism from visitors from throughout the USA and from around the world, with demonstrable significant financial benefit to local economies and tourism and hospitality businesses,
- such naturist areas can be established at virtually no cost to the taxpayers, and
- extensive free publicity is provided by naturist organizations, such as the International Naturist Federation, with affiliates in more than 30 countries, and the American Association for Nude Recreation and The Naturist Society, and their hundreds of local affiliates in North America, for locations accommodating nude bathers and sunbathers.

We therefore request that officials support and cooperate with Tampa Area Naturists and Beach Education Advocates for Culture, Health, Environment and Safety Foundation Institute (B.E.A.C.H.E.S.) to establish a designated naturist section at a public beach in the Tampa Bay area.

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