

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Earth Day reminds us that the people who lived here before us quenched their thirst from the springs that nature provided and fed themselves from the land, before passing these resources on to us; and

WHEREAS, gratitude for the blessings of a providing Earth can best be expressed by providing similarly for the generations that come after us; and

WHEREAS, this year Gainesville will celebrate its commitment to wise stewardship of natural resources by finishing the planting of 800 trees in the large grassed median between Archer and Old Archer Road; and

WHEREAS, many groups helped to purchase these trees, including the University of Florida Campus Development Corporation, the Florida Division of Forestry, and the City of Gainesville; and

WHEREAS, volunteers from the Florida Native Plant Society, the Alachua County Veterans organizations, and the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Ministry for Earth will honor Earth Day by planting 25 trees in the vicinity of the Veterans Memorial on Archer Road on Thursday, April 19; and

WHEREAS, Gainesville is a community that intends to manifest the spirit of Earth Day every day through our recognition that the Earth can be borrowed but not bought, used but not owned.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim April 22, 2007 as

Earth Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me and thank all those who celebrate the ideals associated with creating a world we are proud to pass on to the future. All Gainesville residents are invited to "think globally and act locally" by helping to plant trees at the ceremony on April 19.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 30th day of March, A.D., 2007.



Pegeen Hanrahan
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Mayor