

## City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville's Park and Recreation system is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for thousands of residents in our community through recreation and environmental programming, leisure activities, and conservation efforts; and

WHEREAS, the City's parks, recreation, nature programs, and experiences attract families and provide opportunities for young people to live and develop into contributing members of society, and create lifelines and continuous life experiences for older members of the community and pay dividends to this community, by attracting businesses, jobs, and increasing property values; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville recognizes the vital contributions of employees and volunteers in our parks and recreation areas who keep facilities clean and safe for visitors, organize programs and activities, provide education and information, advocate for more open space, recreational lands and facilities, and ensure that all park programs and facilities are accessible for citizens to enjoy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim July 2008 as

## Recreation & Parks Month

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in recognizing the importance of our parks and recreation facilities and to celebrate and support this observance and take advantage of the many benefits our parks and programs provide to everyone.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF. I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this  $1^{st}$  day of July, A.D., 2008.

