

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the 13th Annual Children's Week "Celebrating Parents and Children" will take place in Tallahassee from March 30, to April 6, 2008, bringing thousands of parents, children, professionals, community leaders and concerned citizens together to share valuable information about children's issues; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Children's Week is to create a shared vision of the State of Florida's commitment to its children and families, and to engage a long-term process to develop and implement strategies for moving the shared vision forward by encouraging Children's Week activities locally to strengthen and enrich our families; and

WHEREAS, Children's Week has teamed up with the Association of Early Learning Coalitions, the Florida Department of Health's Step Up Florida program, Prevent Child Abuse Florida's Winds of Change campaign, and dozens of statewide organizations supporting an array of children and family issues at the local level; and

WHEREAS, the Early Learning Coalition of Alachua County, is one of 31 Early Learning Coalitions in the State of Florida legislatively mandated to manage and oversee state and federally-funded early education and care programs so children will have the optimal health, education and care they need to promote early learning; and

WHEREAS, Step Up, Florida! is an annual state-wide health initiative developed by the Florida Department of Health and coordinated by the local Step Up, Florida! Healthy Communities Coordinators in all 67 counties that promote the importance of daily physical activity and host a variety of physical activity opportunities for all Florida residents throughout the month of February.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim March 27, 2008 as

Children's Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me and the Early Learning Coalition of Alachua County, in partnership with the North Central Florida Association for the Education of Young Children as they host a "Point-Five (0.5)-K Kids Walk" as the local Children's Week Celebration on March 27th, 2008 from 9am to 11:30m at Westside Park.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 15th day of March, A.D., 2008.

Pegeen Hanrahan
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Mayor