

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan  
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, delegates from the 13 colonies convened in Philadelphia the summer of 1787 to craft the document that became the framework and governmental foundation of our young Republic and its inherent freedoms; and

WHEREAS, in order to secure liberty, freedom, and independence for themselves and their succeeding generations, the Founding Fathers ordained and established the Constitution for the United States of America with these revered words:

"We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common Defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty for ourselves and our posterity do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America"; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution guarantees all legislative powers shall be vested in the Congress of the United States, and guarantees American citizens life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, on September 17, 1787, 39 men affixed their names to a document that established the world's first government of the people, by the people and for the people and that was ratified by the individual states; and

WHEREAS, it is of the greatest importance that all American citizens understand the provisions and principles set forth in the Constitution so they will effectively support, preserve, and defend it against all enemies; and

WHEREAS, members of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution are direct lineage descendants of the first military veterans of the United States, promote good citizenship, citizen involvement in government, patriotism and love of country.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim September, 2009 as

## *United States Constitution Month*

in the City of Gainesville, and urge all our Citizens to study the Constitution, celebrate the freedoms it guarantees to all American citizens whether by birth or naturalization, and to reflect on the many benefits, privileges, and responsibilities of American Citizenship.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, A.D., 2009.



*Pegeen Hanrahan*  
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Mayor