

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, pain, the number one cause of adult disability in the United States, affecting one in three people, or nearly 80 million Americans, is a major health issue; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, pain costs more than \$100 billion annually in lost workdays, medical expenses, and other benefit costs; and

WHEREAS, many citizens, especially the elderly, minorities, urban and rural poor, are unable to get treatment helping them to manage their pain due to high health care costs; and

WHEREAS, pain is a major social issue, impacting not only the individual, but also the spouse, children, family and community; and

WHEREAS, in the State of Florida, where nearly 20 percent of the population is over the age of 65, the impact of chronic pain awareness and education on our health care system is,

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

Pain Awareness Month

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in learning about pain awareness and the availability of ways to assist in managing pain.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 21st day of August, A.D., 2008.



Pegeen Hanrahan
Mayor