

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Gainesville's creeks and waterways are an integral part of the natural environment, character, and culture of our community; and

WHEREAS, local wildlife and plant communities depend on the vitality of these waters for their nourishment and health; and

WHEREAS, Gainesville's citizens and its guests depend on the health of these waters due to their connections to the aquifer from which we draw our water supply; and

WHEREAS, the health of Gainesville's diverse community is dependent on these waterways for beauty, recreation, urban character, charm, the need of clean water, and the need to maintain our links to the greater ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, the quality and continuing health of these waterways rises or falls on the stewardship of our community for appreciation of their delicate interconnectedness, the dangers urban environments pose to them, and for the intelligent care of each Gainesville citizen; and

WHEREAS, the awareness of the blessings Gainesville's creeks and waterways bestow on us, our lives, and the heritage we pass on to our children,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim April 20-27, 2007 as

## *Creeks Week*

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in celebrating, caring for and protecting our local waterways and in recognizing the contributions which our local waterways make every day to our health, safety, comfort, and quality of life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 2nd day of April, A.D., 2007.



*Pegeen Hanrahan*  
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Mayor