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City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Gainesville's seniors are valued members of society and it is our collective responsibility to ensure they live safely and with dignity; and

WHEREAS, abuse of older people is a tragedy inflicted on vulnerable seniors, an ever-increasing problem in today's society that crosses all socio-economic boundaries; and

WHEREAS, combating abuse of older people will help improve the quality of life for all seniors across this country and will allow seniors to continue to live as independently as possible and contribute to the life and vibrancy of Gainesville; and

WHEREAS, Gainesville's seniors are guaranteed that they will be treated with respect and dignity to enable them to continue to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers, and important and active members of this community; and

WHEREAS, we are all responsible for building safer communities for Gainesville's seniors; and

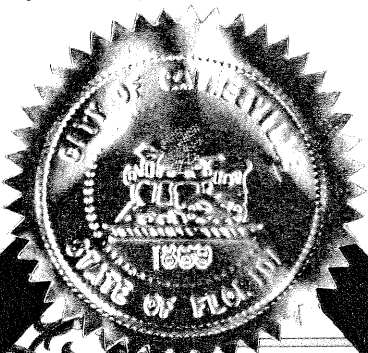
WHEREAS, the well-being of Gainesville's seniors is in the interest of all and further adds to the well-being of Gainesville's communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim June 15, 2008 as

Elder Abuse Awareness Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in committing to build safer communities for our elderly residents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 28th day of May, A.D., 2008.



Pegeen Hanrahan
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Mayor