

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1983, the Gainesville Chamber Orchestra was formed by a group of local musicians dedicated to performing live classical music in a variety of professionally produced, entertaining, and educational programs; and

WHEREAS, since 1989, the Gainesville Chamber Orchestra has performed annual concerts for school children from thirteen different counties in North Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Gainesville Chamber Orchestra offers youth programs including concert music in schools, public performances at youth oriented events, performances at community centers, and has created special programs for "at risk" youth; and

WHEREAS, to expand its musical contributions to the community, the Gainesville Chamber Orchestra has sought out national and international artists for special performances in Gainesville; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, the Gainesville Chamber Orchestra was honored with the New York Times Foundation Award for Excellence for innovative educational programming; and

WHEREAS, the Gainesville/Alachua County Cultural Affairs Board has honored the Gainesville Chamber Orchestra with their 2006 Annual Award for its contribution to the arts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim January 23, 2007 as

Gainesville Chamber Orchestra Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in expressing our appreciation to the Gainesville Chamber Orchestra as a valuable resource and a source of civic pride, and to express our appreciation to all the dedicated men and women who volunteered through the years to promote interest in music and community cultural activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 19th day of January, A.D., 2007.



Pegeen Hanrahan Mayor