

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, pets provide companionship to more than 71,000,000 households in the United States; and

WHEREAS, animal shelters have euthanized more than 4 million cats, dogs, rabbits and other animals each year, many of whom are healthy and adoptable, due to a critical lack of resources and public awareness; and

WHEREAS, this tragic overpopulation of pets costs taxpayers of this country millions of dollars annually; and

WHEREAS, spaying and neutering has been shown to dramatically reduce the overpopulation of pets and feral cats, proving to be a wise investment in saving lives and taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, veterinarians, national and local animal organizations, community spay/ neuter clinics such as Operation Catnip and Operation PetSnip, and private citizens have joined together to advocate the sterilization of pets and feral cats on "SPAY DAY" in 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim February 23, 2010 as

## *Spay Day*

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in observing this day by having their own pets spayed or neutered or by sponsoring the sterilization of another person's pet or of an animal in a shelter awaiting adoption.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this ninth day of February, A.D., 2010.

Pegeen Hanrahan  
Mayor