

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Entrepreneurship is vital to Florida's growth and prosperity, and most of the new jobs created throughout the United States in the past decade have come from the creative efforts of entrepreneurs and small businesses; and

WHEREAS, more than 70% of young Americans envision starting a business or doing something entrepreneurial as adults; and encouraging youth to be excited about entrepreneurship, and working to expand the knowledge, skills, and attitudes of Florida's youth and adults to be successful entrepreneurs is crucial to the long-term growth of local communities, the state and the nation; and

WHEREAS, a broad coalition of partner organizations in Florida are actively engaged in enhancing entrepreneurial opportunities through collaboration and cooperation with the national Consortium for Entrepreneurship Education; and

WHEREAS, Florida's Career and Technical Student Organizations offer an array of programs, activities, and competitive events focused on entrepreneurship; and

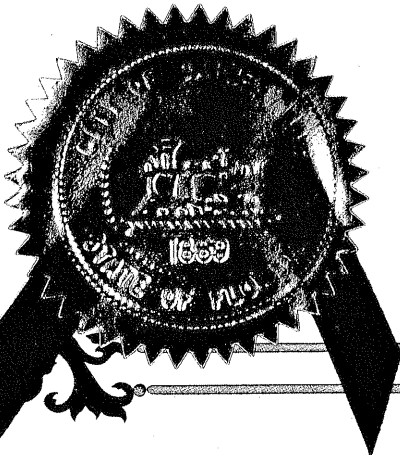
WHEREAS, the United States House of Representatives resolved to recognize an annual National Entrepreneurship Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim February 23-March 1, 2008 as

National Entrepreneurship Week

in the City of Gainesville, and ask all our citizens to join me in supporting National Entrepreneurship Week and its efforts to provide opportunity to focus on innovative ways in which entrepreneurship education can bring together the core academic, technical, and problem solving skills essential for future entrepreneurs and successful workers in future workplaces.

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 February, A.D., 2008.



Pegeen Hanrahan
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Mayor