

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the National Association of Jown Watch (NAJW) is sponsoring a nationwide crime, drug, and violence prevention program on August 5, 2008, called "National Night Out"; and

WHEREAS, the 25th Annual National Night Out provides a unique opportunity for the City of Gainesville to join forces with thousands of other communities across the country in promoting police-community crime prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Gainesville Police Department plays a vital role in assisting other area agencies through joint crime, drug, and violence prevention efforts in Gainesville and Alachua County and is supporting "National Night Out 2008" locally; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that all citizens of Gainesville be aware of the importance of crime prevention programs and the impact that their participation can have on reducing crime, drugs, and violence in Gainesville; and

WHEREAS, reduction in crime is directly attributed to the involvement of our citizens in police-community partnerships through neighborhood safety, awareness, and cooperation, and are important themes of the "National Night Out" program; and

WHEREAS, the Gainesville Police Department enjoys a very successful community policing partnership with our neighborhood and business crime watches.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim August 5, 2008 as

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in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in participating in local events.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 17^{th} day of July, A.D., 2008.

