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City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The family is the foundation of community and our state, and serves as the primary source of love, identity, self esteem, and support; and

WHEREAS, The community takes an active role when children are in need and their safety is jeopardized; and

WHEREAS, In Alachua County, sixty compassionate foster families have taken the active role in providing children and youth with safe, secure, and stable homes; and

WHEREAS, Foster parents open their homes and hearts to children in need by nurturing their spirits and souls, assisting with reunification of families, working with professionals at all levels preparing children for adulthood, and advocating for children's needs; and

WHEREAS, Foster parents are role models and community volunteers that need to be recognized and supported for giving generously the gift of love, safety, guidance, hope, and comfort to all the children and youth they care for and to the communities they live in.

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

National Foster Care Month

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in honoring foster parents for dedicating their time, homes, and love to youth that are in need.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 18th day of April, A.D., 2008.



Pegeen Hanrahan
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Mayor