

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the first Earth Day was celebrated in 1970 to bring awareness of the environment and conservation into the public consciousness, resulting in a much greater appreciation of our planet's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville acts every day to protect and preserve our natural resources by encouraging sustainable energy and water consumption, land use, transportation services, and waste reduction through free energy audits, carpooling, stormwater management, tree-planting, and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs has fostered lasting partnerships with groups such as Alachua Conservation Trust, the State of Florida Division of Forestry, the Alachua County Department of Environmental Protection, Friends of Nature Parks, the Florida Native Plant Society, Watershed Action Volunteers, Current Problems, Florida Wildlife Care, and the Florida Audubon Society; and

WHEREAS, the City highlights sustainability by producing its annual Farm and Forest Festival, and participates in Keep Alachua County Beautiful's annual Great American Clean-up, and through its sponsorship of an Educational Fair at the Martin Luther King Center each Spring ; and

WHEREAS, we should never underestimate the power of one idea, one person, or the collective energy from a group of dedicated individuals because all, with vision and purpose, can have a lasting impact on how we care for our planet on the local, state, national, and international level.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim April 22, 2010 as

The 40th Anniversary of Earth Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in celebrating Earth Day by being mindful that we all must take difficult steps on this journey of conservation so the future path will be easier for those that follow.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 15th day of March, A.D., 2010.



Pegeen Hanrahan
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Mayor