

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Gainesville is receiving a Growth Award from the National Arbor Day foundation and has been a "Tree City U.S.A." for twenty-two consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, the City Beautification Board is hosting a community-wide celebration to honor the new trees in Roper Park, highlighting the efforts of the Roper Park Neighbors Committee and the City Tree Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Gainesville Four Seasons Garden Club and the Thomas Center Associates honor this holiday with new Live Oaks and Magnolias on the north side of the Thomas Center; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Williams Elementary School students, teachers, parents and City staff will be planting trees to shade their playground; and

WHEREAS, during the past year, more than 1000 trees were planted on public property through the City's Tree-mendous Gainesville program, with major projects on the Archer Road bike path, at Lynch Park, Spring Hill Park, the Home Depot retention pond, Rainbow neighborhood retention areas, and J.J. Finley Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, seventy-three Gainesville residents served as Tree Sponsors during this past year, providing water and after care for street trees planted near their homes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim Friday, January 20, 2006 as

Arbor Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to appreciate the many benefits our community receives from its abundant urban forest.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 4th day of January, A.D., 2006.



Pegeen Hanrahan
Mayor