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City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Paula M. DeLaney

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the passage of the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) extends federal civil rights protection in several areas to people who are considered "disabled;" and

WHEREAS, the ADA states its purpose as providing "a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities;" and

WHEREAS, the ADA has five titles, which cover employment, public service and transportation, public accommodations, telecommunications, and miscellaneous provisions; and

WHEREAS, a person with a disability must be able to perform the essential functions of a job or meet the essential eligibility requirements of the program or benefit, with or without an accommodation to the person's condition; and

WHEREAS, today marks the 9th Anniversary of the passage of the ADA and we encourage all citizens to become more familiar with this important piece of civil rights legislation and to challenge outdated perceptions and beliefs about disabilities; and

WHEREAS, on this day the City reaffirms its commitment to ensuring that all of its services, programs and activities are accessible to all qualified persons.

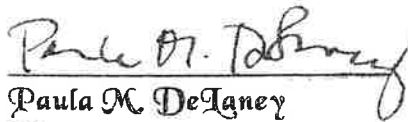
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paula M. DeLaney, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim July 26-31, 1999 as

THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT AWARENESS WEEK

in the City of Gainesville and recognize the Center for Independent Living of North Central Florida and its consumers for their efforts toward fulfilling the purpose of the ADA, and invite all our citizens to take the time to become more familiar with this very important piece of civil rights legislation as the City dedicates itself toward fulfilling the intent and spirit of this law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 20th day of July, A.D., 1999.




Paula M. DeLaney
Mayor