

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the family is the foundation of our 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 or their safety is jeopardized; and

WHEREAS, in Alachua County, fifty-six compassionate foster families have taken an active role by 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 community volunteers and role models that give generously of 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 2007 as

Foster Care Month

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in recognizing the essential and irreplaceable care provided by foster parents, and encourage our citizens to increase their awareness as to the needs of these special children.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this second day of May, A.D., 2007.

Pegeen Hanrahan
Mayor