

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, philanthropy is love of humankind, and it happens when people help each other through contributions of time, charitable aid, or donations to worthy causes; and

WHEREAS, Jessica Turner, a 17 year old Health Science Senior at Gainesville High School and a Santa Fe College Dual Enrollment Student has proven to be a philanthropist; and

WHEREAS, after the earthquake that destroyed Haiti, Jessica did some research and found that even before this travesty, the people of Haiti were eating "Mud Cakes" made of vegetable oil, salt, and mud. The appearance of the mud cakes resemble pancakes and this inspired her to start a project called, "Pancakes for Haiti," and

WHEREAS, Jessica convinced her manager who in turn convinced managers at other Publix Supermarkets in Gainesville and Jonesville to support her in this cause to set up displays of water and pancakes; and

WHEREAS, on the weekend of February 20, 2010, Jessica organized volunteers to pass out flyers to customers, and in one weekend she collected 20,000 servings of pancake mix along with 500 gallons of water to be donated to Haiti in their time of need; and

WHEREAS, the belief that one person can make a difference has been proven by Jessica Turner.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim March 18, 2010 as

Jessica Turner Day

in the City of Gainesville, and invite all our citizens to join me in honoring Jessica for volunteering to help others and contribute to the common good.

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



Pegeen Hanrahan
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Mayor