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City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is the annual celebration which helps further the cause of tree planting and environmental stewardship, and this year celebrates the 21st anniversary of Gainesville's receiving the "Tree City USA" designation; and

WHEREAS, the hurricanes of 2004 were a reminder that a strong and well-maintained urban forest with the right trees in the right places are more important than the number of trees in our canopy; and

WHEREAS, the Gainesville City Commission and the residents of our community renew their commitment to the health and wise management of our urban forest with each Arbor Day celebration; and

WHEREAS, the City Beautification Board will host the annual Arbor Day ceremony at Westside Park at 12:00 Noon, January 21, 2005 by planting two trees for each year Gainesville has been a "Tree City USA"; and

WHEREAS, the 42 new trees will further the transformation of the Westside Park forest from Loblolly Pines to a diverse canopy of mixed hardwoods and pines.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim Friday, January 21, 2005 as

Arbor Day 2005

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in appreciating the wonderful blessings we receive from living in this city in a 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 15th day of December, A.D., 2004.

Pegeen Hanrahan

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Mayor