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City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, S. Clark Butler is amongst the most prominent of entrepreneurs in the North Central Florida region whose entrepreneurial career began in 1939 with the establishment and operation of a grocery and produce business in Gainesville for thirteen years; and

WHEREAS, S. Clark Butler, followed the establishment of a grocery and produce business with the establishment of a real estate business which during the ensuing twenty years resulted in the construction of over six hundred residential homes, five apartment complexes and a shopping center and which was followed in 1977 by the development and execution of the Miracle Mile which is better known today as Butler Plaza; and

WHEREAS, S. Clark Butler served the City of Gainesville as a City Commissioner from 1951 to 1957 and as Mayor in 1954 and 1955; and

WHEREAS, while serving as Mayor, S. Clark Butler cast the tie breaking vote preventing the sale of Gainesville Regional Utilities, thus resulting in the retention of a community asset important to the fiscal stability and service provision capacity of the City of Gainesville and greater Gainesville community; and

WHEREAS, S. Clark Butler mounted a legal challenge to an unfair title insurance law passed by the Florida Legislature in 1991 that was eventually ruled unconstitutional by the Florida Supreme Court resulting in the reduced cost of title insurance for all of Florida's citizens in securing a loan for the purchase of property; and

WHEREAS, S. Clark Butler has supported numerous philanthropic programs in Gainesville and North Central Florida including the Boys and Girls Clubs of Gainesville, the Stop Children' Cancer organization, the Cancer and Research Treatment Center at Shands and most recently, the efforts of both the City of Gainesville and Alachua County to address the problems of the homeless community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim March 31, 2006, as

S. Clark Butler Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in recognizing the entrepreneurial accomplishments and community contributions of S. Clark Butler over the course of nearly seventy years working for the betterment of the greater Gainesville community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 27th day of March, A.D., 2006

Pegeen Hanrahan
Mayor