

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, there are over 6000 businesses holding occupational licenses in the City of Gainesville, many of which are small businesses; and

WHEREAS, small businesses support the City's overall economic development by paying taxes, hiring employees and keeping monies churning in our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville facilitates the development of small businesses by providing services through the Economic Development Department and Small Business Procurement Program which enables businesses to start-up, grow and compete successfully in the marketplace; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville strongly encourages all citizens, as well as all City Departments to utilize local small businesses to fulfill their procurement needs; and

WHEREAS, each year the President of the United States designates one week as National Small Business Week, to recognize contributions made by entrepreneurs and business people who contribute to the American economy by creating goods, services, jobs, opportunity and prosperity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim April 25-29, 2005 as

Small Business Week 2005

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in recognizing local small businesses for contributions made to our community, and celebrate the accomplishments of City Departments in helping foster the start-up, growth and expansion of such businesses.

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 April, A.D., 2005.



Pegeen Hanrahan Mayor