

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, 23 Million Americans are victims of crime each year, and of those 5.2 Million are victims of violent crime; and

WHEREAS, as a nation devoted to liberty and justice for all, America must increase its efforts to protect, restore and expand crime victims rights and services so that they apply to every victim every time, as all victims of crime deserve respect, resources, restoration, and justice; and

WHEREAS, as we carry crime victims rights into 2007 and beyond, we must strive to create a nation where the legal rights of victims are honored and individuals are accountable for their treatment of victims; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims Rights Week, April 22-29, 2007, offers us all the opportunity to recommit ourselves to ensuring that every victim is afforded his or her legal rights and treated as a crucial participant in our criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, despite significant progress in providing rights and services to crime victims over the past two decades, large segments of our population, including crime victims with disabilities, victims with mental illness, victims who are immigrants, teenagers, elderly, and victims in rural areas, are still underserved.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim April 22-28, 2007 as

Crime Victims Rights Week

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in respecting and enforcing victims' rights throughout the year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 10th day of April, A.D., 2007.



Pegeen Hanrahan
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Mayor