

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, since 1979, the Annual Fifth Avenue Arts Festival has provided an occasion for all people of the City of Gainesville and Alachua County to come together in celebration of the diversity of our cultural community; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Fifth Avenue Arts Festival showcases the work of visual and performing artists and helps to stimulate the local economy; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Fifth Avenue Arts Festival instills pride in the African-American community of Gainesville through its presentation of these unique arts; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Fifth Avenue Arts Festival encourages unity in our City through the participation of community organizations, local businesses, and diverse co-sponsoring organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Fifth Avenue Arts Festival's participating artists enhance the education of students in the Festival's "Artists in the Public Schools" Program; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate the 30th consecutive Fifth Avenue Arts Festival, and introduce our unique art and culture to yet another generation; and

WHEREAS, the theme for this year's Festival is "We are Our Children's Keepers" we dedicate this Festival to the youth of our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim April 18-20, 2009 as

The 30th Annual Fifth Avenue Arts Festival Days

in the City of Gainesville, and invite all our citizens to join me by visiting, enjoying, and supporting this very special event.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 31st day of March, A.D., 2009.



Pegeen Hanrahan
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Mayor