

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, 4-H is a community within which young people learn leadership, citizenship, and life skills, with a mission to create supportive environments for diverse youth and adults to reach their fullest potential with a vision for 4-H to be the leading program creating positive change in youth, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, 4-H has been helping youth and adults learn, grow, and work together for more than one hundred years, and is one of the largest youth development organizations in Florida claiming 241,487 youth members and 13,889 adult volunteers--with Alachua County's 4-H program numbering over 2,920 members and over 185 volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the Alachua County 4-H Program is part of the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) at the University of Florida, and is a program in which young people learn caring, leadership, citizenship, and other life skills through service projects that reach out and help the community such as the Alachua County Youth Fair and 4-H after-school programs; and

WHEREAS, the Alachua County 4-H Program has been extremely active in different community service areas like helping the local Council of the Blind to revitalize their sensory garden, helping needy families through annual food drives during the holidays, and the Magnet Program for Operation Military Kids working directly with families of deployed military personnel and its Program containing a traveling "hero's wall" to honor local military heroes who have and are serving in the military.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim October 7-13th, 2007

National 4-H Week

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in celebrating the Alachua County 4-H Program and to join in recognizing the unique partnership between our city, our county and our University System.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 20th day of September, A.D., 2007.



Pegeen Hanrahan
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Mayor