

WHEREAS, libraries are a cornerstone of Florida's educational system, providing programs for children, families, adults, and elders to enrich their understanding of the world; and

WHEREAS, libraries provide residents of Florida with access to important information about health, economics, the environment, and countless other subjects to support better living conditions and allow Floridians to live more productive and fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS, libraries support a competitive workforce with basic literacy programs, computers, and other resources, helping people find, evaluate, and use information they need for their jobs, health, and recreation; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of electronic networks linking libraries and their resources gives library users easier access to information; and

WHEREAS, the Alachua County Library District serves approximately 252,388 residents of Alachua County and has been a leader in providing free library services to all residents of the State of Florida.

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

Library Appreciation Month

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in visiting the library and thanking a librarian for making this institution possible.

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 Mayor