City of Gainesville, Florida

WHEREAS, homelessness inflicts great costs on our community's dignity and prosperity and can cause tragic loss of hope and life; and

WHEREAS, our community is working to implement fundamental long-term solutions to this heartbreaking loss of human dignity; and

WHEREAS, community efforts must also include urgent short-term measures to provide shelter, security and caring service to those in need; and

WHEREAS, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, St. Francis House and the Alachua County Housing Authority stepped forward to exemplify our highest values by providing these necessary services to hundreds of Gainesville's homeless women, men and children; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission, on behalf of the citizens of our community commend these humanitarians for their generosity and care to those in need during the winter months of 2005-2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim June 12, 2006 as

. Community Appreciation Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in expressing our appreciation to the members and staff of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, St. Francis House and the Alachua County Housing Authority for their superb and gracious service to the needy of our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this seventh day of June, A.D., 2006.