

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, tobacco is the leading cause of premature death and disability in Florida and throughout the world, where 1 out every 10 adult deaths worldwide and 43% of deaths in Alachua County were attributable to smoking; and

WHEREAS, almost 2 of every 10 Alachua County residents are smokers and, almost 2 of every 10 non smokers are exposed to second hand smoke every week; and

WHEREAS, tobacco is the only legal consumer product that can harm everyone exposed to it – and it kills up to half of those who use it as intended; and

WHEREAS, The World Health Organization has deemed May 31st World No Tobacco Day and selected a theme "Tobacco Health Warnings" that encourages governments to adopt warnings that cover more than half of the pack, appear on the front and back of the pack, and contain pictures; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Alachua County Tobacco Free Partnership and the World Health Organization to make the public aware of World No Tobacco Day and to support efforts to improve Tobacco Health Warnings on products, reduce tobacco use and exposure to second hand smoke,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim May 31, 2009 as

World No Tobacco Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in supporting this life saving initiative.

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 May, A.D., 2009.



Pegeen Hanrahan
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Mayor