

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Invasive non-native plants pose a significant threat to natural communities in Gainesville and throughout the state of Florida; and

WHEREAS, non-native invasive plants are second only to habitat destruction in their impact on natural areas; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville Recreation and Parks Department has worked cooperatively with the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the University of Florida, the Florida Native Plant Society, and GEAR volunteers to increase awareness of non-native invasive plant issues; and

WHEREAS, the First, Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Annual Great Air Potato Roundup brought together over 4000 volunteers, collecting over 44 tons of air potatoes and other invasive plants from the City of Gainesville's Nature Parks and creek systems; and

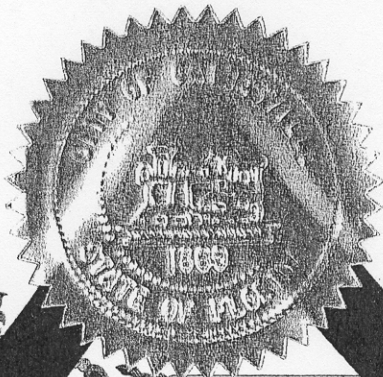
WHEREAS, The fifth annual Great Air Potato Roundup will be held in Gainesville on January 29, 2005.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim the week of January 24-30, 2005 as

Non-Native Invasive Plant Awareness Week

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in actively participating in removing non-native invasive plants and planting native plant species for the continual protection of our natural areas.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 24th day of December, A.D., 2004.



Pegeen Hanrahan
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Mayor