

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in honor of Mr. Albert "Ray" Massey's distinguished and dedicated service to this community and his tireless efforts to promote the benefits of parks and recreation services to all citizens, the City of Gainesville officially established the Albert "Ray" Massey Citizen Volunteer Award in 2000; and

WHEREAS, each year, the City of Gainesville Public Recreation and Parks Board recognizes those exceptional community volunteers who have made outstanding efforts to promote recreation activities throughout the City with the Albert "Ray" Massey Citizens Volunteer Award; and

WHEREAS, John and Ann Ives were asked by the originators of the Gainesville Junior Golf Tour, the nine Club Golf Professionals, to manage the Tour in 2003. Under their leadership the Tour increased its membership of boys and girls each year from approximately 85 to 140 players; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of their contribution to high school golf, the annual Alachua County High School Golf Tournament was renamed "The John and Ann Ives High School Golf Classic"; and

WHEREAS, John Ives has served as Board Member and President of the Gainesville Sports Commission which, as part of its mission, supports recreational activities in the City and County. Mr. Ives has served as Tournament Director of the PGA Tour Nike and Buy.com Golf Tournaments in Gainesville; and

WHEREAS, Ann Ives received the Gator Town Gators' Award in 2008, for founding the Lady Gator Golf Boosters 25 years ago, and continues to serve on its Board of Directors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim February 19, 2009 as

John and Ann Ives Day

in the City of Gainesville, and invite all our citizens to join me in recognition and thanks for the tremendous volunteer contributions these individuals have made to provide golf opportunities for youth that teach lifelong skills, build self esteem and develop future leaders in 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 fifth day of February, A.D., 2009.



Pegeen Hanrahan
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Mayor