

City of Gainesville, Florida 070575

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Respiratory Care Practitioners are dedicated to promoting the health and wellness of our citizens by providing lung health care and patient education to those affected by lung disease as well as smoking cessation education to the general public; and

WHEREAS, Respiratory Care is an allied health specialty engaged in the diagnosis, treatment and control of lung diseases including chronic bronchitis, emphysema, asthma, cystic fibrosis, and lung cancer among others; and

WHEREAS, the services offered by Respiratory Care Practitioners and technicians are performed in hospitals, nursing facilities, doctors' offices, rehabilitation centers, sleep laboratories and private homes; and

WHEREAS, chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases (COPD) cost the United States an estimated \$31.9 billion a year; and

WHEREAS, 16 million people in the United States have been diagnosed with some form of COPD with a similar number undiagnosed; and

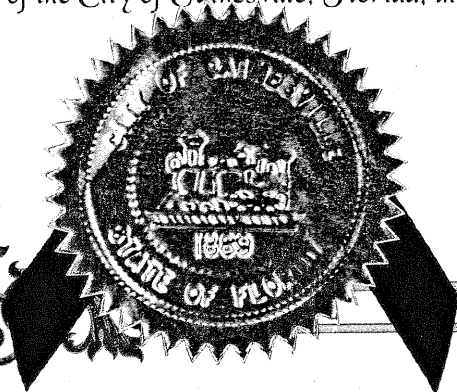
WHEREAS, the citizens of Gainesville deserve the opportunity to grow, thrive, be healthy and be informed and aware of their respiratory health and the factors that affect that health.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim October 21-27, 2007 as

*Respiratory Care Week*

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in remembering these Respiratory Care Practitioners during this week as they share new and better ways to treat patients with heart and lung disorders.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, A.D., 2007.



*Pegeen Hanrahan*  
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Mayor