



## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, DECA - An Association of Marketing Students - is a national career and technology organization for students preparing for careers in marketing, management or entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS. DECA is dedicated to helping these students develop the skills and knowledge necessary for success by promoting partnerships between businesses and marketing educators; and

WHEREAS, DECA provides students with a school-to-careers connection, contributing to a diverse, well-educated workforce; and

WHEREAS, DECA offers individuals lifelong opportunities to learn new skills, providing them with career choices and an understanding of the competitive, free enterprise system; and

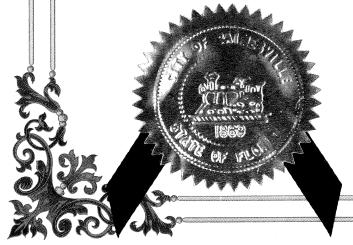
WHEREAS, DECA strives to develop a greater appreciation for the responsibilities of citizenship through character education.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim October 7-13, 2007 as

## DECA Week

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in encouraging young people to become involved in business and business technology to prepare themselves to be leaders of the future.

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



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Pegeen Hanrahan

Mayor