

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, conflict resolution encompasses mediation, arbitration, conciliation, and other formal and informal responses to conflict; and

WHEREAS, conflict resolution processes empower individuals, organizations, and families to foster communication and devise solutions that are tailored to their particular needs and interests; and

WHEREAS, conflict resolution is being taught and practiced in many school systems throughout the country, not only as a way of solving individual disputes, but also as a means towards a more peaceful society; and

WHEREAS, community-based programs are fairly and equitably resolving neighborhood and community conflicts, thereby strengthening community relationships; and

WHEREAS, collaborative responses to conflicts are being used by administrative agencies, businesses, and courts to effectively and efficiently resolve disputes; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bush has proclaimed the week of October 16 as "Mediation Week" in Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim October 19, 2006 as

Conflict Resolution Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in encouraging and fostering the use of all forms of conflict resolution, especially in the stressful events we sometimes encounter during our daily lives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 16th day of August, A.D., 2006.

Pegeen Hanrahan
Mayor