

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Paula M. DeLaney

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, all children need the love, support and stability of a family; and

WHEREAS, in the State of Florida, 8,932 children are living in substitute care away from their families of birth; and 1,722 of these children will not return to their birth families and are in need of loving, caring adoptive families; and

WHEREAS, some foster children, babies as well as older children, have been abused, neglected or abandoned, and some are waiting for a family that will welcome their brothers and sisters as well as themselves into a place to call home; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, there were 1,477 Florida foster children placed into adoptive families; and

WHEREAS, it has been proven there are indeed families able and willing to adopt foster children; and

WHEREAS, children waiting for adoptive parents and families who have adopted children, require and deserve community and public agency support to sustain their adoptions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paula M. DeLaney, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim November, 1998 as

ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in encouraging appropriate celebrations of families built through adoption and increase awareness of the need of children still waiting for permanent homes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 28th day of October, A.D., 1998.



Paula M. DeLaney
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Mayor