

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, over 6000 businesses have occupational licenses in the City of Gainesville, and many are small businesses; and

WHEREAS, small businesses support the City's overall economic development by paying taxes, hiring employees, and keeping monies churning in our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville facilitates the development of small businesses by providing services through the Economic Development Department, which enable businesses to start-up, grow, and compete successfully in the marketplace; and

WHEREAS, each year the President of the United States designates one week as National Small Business Week, to recognize contributions made by entrepreneurs and business people who contribute to the American economy by creating goods, services, jobs, opportunity, and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, to celebrate small businesses locally, the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce, the University of Florida's Office of Small Business and Vendor Diversity Relations, SCORE, Small Business Development Center, and various other local agencies which offer services to small businesses throughout the year, have organized events and workshops during the last week of March 2007 to foster entrepreneurship, provide technical assistance, and encourage networking.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim March 26-30, 2007 as

Small Business Week 2007

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in recognizing local small businesses for contributions made to our community, and to celebrate the accomplishments of the City of Gainesville in helping foster the start-up, growth, and expansion of such businesses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 15th day of March, A.D., 2007.



for *Craig Lowe*
Pegeen Hanrahan
Mayor