

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the foundation of a humane and just society is the people's willingness to work together for the common good while building social capital within a community; and

WHEREAS, volunteerism historically reflects the highest values of our democratic society, in that regardless of race, creed, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, color, national origin, or disability, all may volunteer and thus reap the rich rewards that come from giving aid to others, while improving one's own skills and widening one's horizons; and

WHEREAS, volunteers provide energy and guidance, and encourage others to join in improving the quality of life in our community through civic, health, and human service organizations; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, over 4,142 volunteers donated 26,477 hours providing an approximate value of over \$330,965 to the City of Gainesville; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of every citizen and leader to honor our dedicated volunteers and celebrate the volunteer programs that contribute to the quality of life in Gainesville and our surrounding communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim April 18 - 24, 2010 as

National Volunteer Week

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in honoring these dedicated individuals and all of their past, present, and future contributions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this third day of March, A.D., 2010.



Pegeen Hanrahan
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Mayor