

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, the National Society of Professional Engineers and the Florida Engineering Society are sponsoring the Sixth Annual "Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day®" on October 10, 2006; and

WHEREAS, "Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day's" purpose is to encourage safer drivers, safer vehicles and safer roads, and to encourage all drivers to adapt to the campaign's slogan to "Drive as if Your Life Depends on It"; and

WHEREAS, traffic crashes across America caused 43,005 fatalities in 2002, 42,643 fatalities in 2003, 42,636 deaths in 2004, and took 43, 200 lives in the U.S. and 3,533 lives in Florida in 2005, and is the leading cause of death for people from ages 6 to 33; and

WHEREAS, roadside hazards, substandard road conditions, and obsolete roadway designs contribute to more than 15,000 highway deaths annually, representing more than 35% of all fatal crashes; while fifty-six (56) percent of passenger vehicle occupants killed in traffic crashes are not wearing safety belts; and

WHEREAS, thirty-six (36) lives were taken in Alachua County in 2005 due to traffic crashes, fifty (50) died in 2004, twenty-nine (29) died in 2003, and in 2002, we lost thirty-five (35) lives due to traffic crashes; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 1,925,000 people are injured in traffic crashes in the United States each year; co-operation between Federal, State, and local governments, private entities, and associations are essential to reduce this number and increase highway safety; and

WHEREAS, roadway safety improvements can reduce the number and severity crashes, and the continued development of safer vehicles and protective equipment can reduce traffic-related fatalities and injuries.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, October 10, 2006 as

Put The Brakes on Fatalities Day®

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in helping to SAVE LIVES by practicing safe driving behaviors throughout our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 4th day of October, A.D., 2006.

Pegeen Hanrahan
Mayor