

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, one of the principal mandates of the United Nations-- "to achieve international cooperation in solving problems of an economic, social, cultural, or humanitarian character" - remains as valid today as when those words were written into the "Charter" more than a half century ago upon its founding in 1945; and

WHEREAS, in September 2000, 189 countries, including the United States, agreed on the Millennium Development Goals, one of which focuses on reducing the mortality rate 66 2/3% among children under five by the year 2015, because children's health has a permanent and lasting effect on future generations; and

WHEREAS, the United States is a champion of children's rights and must continue to work with the United Nations and UN agencies to provide a coordinated multilateral effort in assessing the current problem of children's health and survival, and determining the strategies and mechanisms best suited to reduce child mortality and improve children's health; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations Association of the United States of America (UNA-USA), in cooperation with other organizations, has declared "Child Health and Survival" as its theme for the 2005 United Nations Day commemorations; and

WHEREAS, Cynthia Moore Chestnut has been appointed Chair of UN Day in Gainesville, and to work with a UN Day Committee of community leaders to organize events and activities for educating citizens about the continuing need for the United Nations, and the importance of understanding efforts on the local and international level to promote global cooperative initiatives toward a peaceful and more just world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim October 20, 2005 as

United Nations Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in participating in the activities planned to commemorate UN Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 6th day of September, A.D., 2005.



Chuck Chestnut

Chuck Chestnut, PD
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem