

## City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

## **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, our nation was founded upon a spirit of volunteerism, and the talents and energies of American volunteers continue to be one of our greatest resources; and

WHEREAS, volunteers' active involvement are needed today more than ever to help combat growing human and social problems, to renew our belief that these problems can be solved, and to strengthen our sense of community; and

WHEREAS, the truth and power of this community spirit is apparent in local artistic, economic, educational, environmental, political, recreational, social, and spiritual endeavors; and

WHEREAS, appreciating the worth and value of volunteerism is critical to building the health of our communities and raising future generations of genuine citizens; and

WHEREAS, during the Farm & Forest Festival at Morningside Nature Center, Saturday, April 28, 2007, the Nature Centers Commission will honor volunteers for their service to the City's nature parks.

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

## Volunteer Appreciation Month

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in expressing appreciation to those citizens who volunteer their time and talents to our community, and encourage all our citizens to help make a difference in the lives of those around them by donating some of their time and/or resources to 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 30th day of March, A.D., 2007.



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Mayor