

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, September 2004 will long be remembered by the havoc and hardship that was brought upon our community by Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne; and

WHEREAS, the City's employees worked courageously and with distinction during the worst of each storm to keep our service delivery systems intact for as long as possible; to keep our major transportation corridors open to emergency service providers to the maximum extent possible; and to ensure our emergency services personnel had the resources they needed to stay operational during the storms; and

WHEREAS, it was recognized immediately that help from near and far was needed to repair the significant damage to our infrastructure; to restore essential services; and to remove the debris from all around our community; and

WHEREAS, the Public Power Communities of Athens, Alabama; Kissimmee, Florida; Tallahassee, Florida; Owensboro, Kentucky; Columbus, Mississippi; Fulton, Missouri; Trenton, Missouri; Rocky Mount, North Carolina; Wilson, North Carolina; Cullman, Alabama; Orlando, Florida; Bowling Green, Kentucky; Lafayette, Louisiana; Columbia, Missouri; Kirkwood, Missouri; Fayetteville, North Carolina; and Wake Forest, North Carolina; as well as numerous contractors from California, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Oregon, Virginia, New Jersey, New York, Vermont, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Missouri and Kentucky who came to our assistance by providing skilled and unskilled workers, debris collection vehicles/equipment, construction vehicles and materials; and

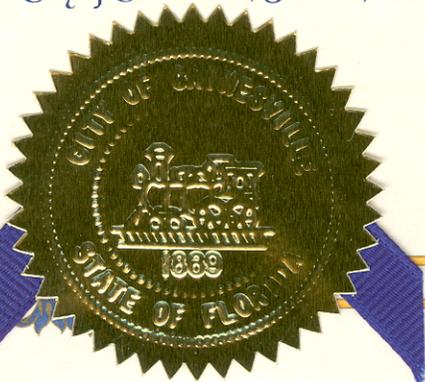
WHEREAS, they, alongside our own personnel, served the community tirelessly with skill, determination, compassion, and a sense of urgency during adverse conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim February 14, 2005 as

Hurricane Heroes Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me expressing a sincere appreciation and thanks to these dedicated men and women who helped our City during these times of great need.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 7th day of February, A.D., 2005.



Pegeen Hanrahan
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Mayor