

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Ironwood Golf Course has been recertified as a "Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary" through the Audubon International Program for Golf Courses, one of only 738 courses in the world to receive the honor; and

WHEREAS, Ironwood was originally designated as a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary in 1999 and was the first municipal golf course in Florida to receive this honor; and

WHEREAS, to achieve certification, a course must demonstrate that they are maintaining a high degree of environmental quality in a number of areas including: Environmental Planning, Wildlife & Habitat Management, Outreach and Education, Chemical Use Reduction and Safety, Water Conservation, and Water Quality Management; and

WHEREAS, certification is designed to help golf course personnel plan, organize, implement, and document a comprehensive environmental management program and receive recognition for their efforts; and

WHEREAS, all certified golf courses must go through a recertification process every two years and be evaluated on its environmental management practices; and

WHEREAS, for over a decade The Ironwood Audubon Certification Committee has worked to maintain the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Certification insuring that the course continues its commitment to being a wildlife sanctuary and to meet the criteria to be a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim January 15, 2009 as

Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Day

in the City of Gainesville, and invite all our citizens to join me in recognizing and thanking the Ironwood Audubon Certification Committee for its dedication, accomplishments, and continued commitment that provide the leadership for this tremendous designation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this fifth day of January, A.D., 2009.

Pegeen Hanrahan
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Mayor

