

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, according to the U. S. Department of Commerce, more than 2,300 people become independent entrepreneurs daily, joining more than 20 million self-employed, that make up more than 75% of the nation's 26 million-plus business firms nationwide; and most of the new jobs created throughout the United States in the past decade have come from the creative efforts of entrepreneurs and small businesses; and

WHEREAS, The Partnership for 21st Century Skills identified entrepreneurial literacy skills as one of the 21st century content areas critical to success in communities and workplaces where more than 70% of young Americans envision starting a business or doing something entrepreneurial as adults; and the National Governors Association encourages connecting education to economic growth industries, recognizing that entrepreneurship and small business creation are the growth engines of any economy; and

WHEREAS, a broad coalition of partner organizations in Gainesville and throughout the United States are actively engaged in enhancing entrepreneurial opportunities through collaboration and cooperation with the national Consortium for Entrepreneurship Education; encouraging youth to be excited about entrepreneurship, and working to expand the knowledge, skills, and attitudes of Gainesville's youth and adults to be SUCCESSFUL entrepreneurs are crucial to the long-term growth of local communities, the state, and the nation; and

WHEREAS, The United States House of Representatives resolved to recognize an annual National Entrepreneurship Week, and Florida's Career and Technical Student Organizations offer an array of programs, activities, and competitive events focused on entrepreneurship.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim February 21-28, 2009 as

Entrepreneurship Week

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in supporting National Entrepreneurship Week and its efforts to provide opportunity to focus on innovative ways in which entrepreneurship education can aid our community because Entrepreneurship is vital to Gainesville's growth and prosperity.

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 February, A.D., 2009.



Pegeen Hanrahan
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Mayor