

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Harriet Ludwig embodies the essential elements of a functioning democracy as a knowledgeable, persistent, capable, articulate and dedicated citizen; and

WHEREAS, Harriet uses her talents and experience to serve us as a community conscience, her actions challenging us to become involved in erasing disparities and inequities; and

WHEREAS, Harriet has spent more than 64 years using her profession of journalism and vast experience to investigate and report community issues in service to those whose voices are often not heard in our society; and

WHEREAS, Harriet, now more than a decade into her retirement, takes on the hard issues, not the popular ones, using diligent research to intelligently inform the rest of us; and

WHEREAS, one of Harriet's current efforts is directed toward explaining and reversing the disproportionate numbers of black children in special education; and

WHEREAS, Harriet serves the community through numerous groups, including the League of Women Voters, Women for Wise Growth, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPOY), the Alachua County Labor Party as well as the newspapers to which she regular contributes: the Gainesville Sun, the Iguana, Moon, Gainesville Voice, and Friends of Alachua County Talk (FACT); and

WHEREAS, Harriet is a model of civic involvement, ceaselessly committed to continual improvement in the quality of life in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim October 10, 2005 as

Harriet Ludwig Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in expressing our appreciation to Harriet Ludwig for her decades of educating and empowering our citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 22nd day of September, A.D., 2005.



Chuck Chestnut

Chuck Chestnut, TO
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem