

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan
PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, Since our Nation's founding, Americans have turned to prayer for inspiration, strength, and guidance. In times of trial, we ask God for wisdom, courage, direction, and comfort. We offer thanks for the countless blessings God has provided. And we thank God for sanctifying every human life by creating each of us in His image. As we observe this National Day of Prayer, we call upon the Almighty to continue to bless America and her people; and

WHEREAS, Especially since September 11th, millions of Americans have been led to prayer. They have prayed for comfort in a time of grief, for understanding in a time of anger, and for protection in a time of uncertainty. We have all seen God's great faithfulness to our country. In the face of terrorist attacks, prayer provided Americans with hope and strength for the journey ahead; and

WHEREAS, God has blessed our Nation beyond measure. We give thanks for our families and loved ones, for the abundance of our land and the fruits of labor, for our inalienable rights and liberties, and for a great Nation that leads the world in efforts to preserve those rights and liberties. We give thanks for all those across the world who have joined with America in the fight against terrorism. We give thanks for the men and women of our military, who are fighting to defend our Nation and the future of civilization; and

WHEREAS, We continue to remember those who are suffering and face hardships. We pray for peace throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, On this National Day of Prayer, I encourage Americans to remember the words of St. Paul: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." The Congress, by Public Law 100-307, as amended, has called on our citizens to reaffirm the role of prayer in our society and to honor the religious diversity our freedom permits by recognizing annually a "National Day of Prayer".

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2008 as

National Day of Prayer

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in prayer for God's protection, to express gratitude, for our blessings, and to seek moral and spiritual renewal, and also in observing this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 18th day of April, A.D., 2008.

Pegeen Hanrahan
Pegeen Hanrahan
Mayor

