

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Gainesville has qualified as a "Tree City USA" for the twenty-fourth consecutive year; and

WHEREAS, our community annually celebrates Arbor Day with great enthusiasm and renewed commitment to preserving Gainesville's tree canopy; and

WHEREAS, the City Beautification Board and the Evergreen Cemetery Association of Gainesville, Inc. have invited the community to join in a celebration of renewal with the planting of 48 trees at Evergreen Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, Gainesville's Four Seasons Garden Club and the Thomas Center Associates will add the First Florida Maple to the grounds of the Thomas Center at their Arbor Day celebration; and

WHEREAS, the educational entertainer Tim Womick has brought his "Trail of Trees" performance to 500 Gainesville elementary school students through the cooperative efforts of the City of Gainesville, the Florida Urban Forestry Council, and JEA Utility Service Provided; and

WHEREAS, during the past year, 154 citizens participated in the Tree-mendous Gainesville Tree Sponsor partnership effort that established saplings of large shade trees along city streets so that future generations also will live with the blessings of an abundant tree canopy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim Friday, January 19, 2007 as

## *Arbor Day*

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me and encourage everyone to appreciate the many blessings we receive from trees--shade, wood for construction and fuel, beauty, food, homes for birds, soil stabilization, the very air we breathe--and the list goes on!

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, A.D., 2006.

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Pegeen Hanrahan  
Mayor