

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The United Nations (UN) was founded in 1945, and the anniversary of the day on which the UN charter came into force is observed each year on October 24th; and

WHEREAS, the central role of the United Nations is to promote peace and security, development and human rights around the world, and is vital now more than ever; and

WHEREAS, in September 2000, 189 nations, including the United States, agreed upon eight Millennium Development Goals to meet the needs of the world's poorest; the seventh Millennium Development Goal seeks to integrate the principles of sustainable development into country policies and programs, and reverse the loss of environmental resources and biodiversity; the Goal also seeks to reduce by half the proportion of people living without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation, and achieve significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers, by 2020; and

WHEREAS, the United States has demonstrated its commitment to sustainable development partnership efforts with other countries to create and implement development strategies in areas that include access to clean water and sanitation services; conservation and environmental stewardship; and protecting marine and freshwater resources; and

WHEREAS, the United States must continue to work with the United Nations and the other UN agencies in order to provide a coordinated, multilateral effort to assess the loss of environmental resources and achieve further progress towards global sustainable development; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations Association of the United States of America (UNA-USA), in cooperation with other organizations, has declared "Environmental Sustainability as Essential Tool for Poverty Alleviation" as its theme for the 2008 United Nations Day commemorations; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Herbstman has been appointed Chair of UN Day in the City of Gainesville to work with the local UNA-USA members and community leaders to organize events and activities to educate citizens about the continuing need for the United Nations, and the importance of undertaking efforts on the local and international level to promote global cooperative initiatives toward a more healthy and sustainable world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim October 23, 2008 as

United Nations Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me participating in all activities related to United Nations Day.

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 September, A.D., 2008.

Pegeen Hanrahan
Pegeen Hanrahan
Mayor

