

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, invasive non-native plants pose a significant threat to natural communities in Gainesville and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, non-native invasive plants are second only to habitat destruction in their impact on these natural areas; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville's Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs has worked cooperatively with the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the University of Florida, the Florida Native Plant Society, and volunteers to increase awareness of non-native plant issues; and

WHEREAS, the 10th Annual Great Air Potato Round Up will be held in Gainesville on January 31, 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim January 26, 2009 as

Non-Native Invasive Plant Awareness Week 2009

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in actively participating in removing non-native invasive plants and planting native plant species for the continual protection of our natural areas.

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 January, A.D., 2009.



Pegeen Hanrahan
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Mayor