

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Gainesville Lodge Number 990 of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America was founded in Gainesville, Florida in 1906 and is one of over 2000 Elks Lodges in our Country with a total membership in excess of 1,000,000 members; and

WHEREAS, the Lodge has continuously been active with hospitalized veterans and the youth of our community; and

WHEREAS, service to hospitalized veterans has been exemplified by monthly visits, programs and social affairs at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Gainesville, Florida; and

WHEREAS, providing local children with opportunities to compete and succeed through the Elks Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot, fishing tournaments, scholarships for High School Seniors, graduation and Christmas parties are of great importance to Lodge 990; and

WHEREAS, the community continues to look to the Gainesville Elks Lodge as a representative of the Elks Motto "Elks Care, Elks Share."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim February 8, 2006 as

Gainesville Elks Lodge #990 One Hundred Year Anniversary

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in congratulating the Gainesville Elks Lodge and recognizing the century of care and service provided to Gainesville's citizens and patients of the Veteran's Hospital.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 9th day of January, A.D., 2006.



Pegeen Hanrahan
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Mayor