

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, this City of Gainesville Earth Day Tree Planting brings together three groups of volunteers, each of which represents an important aspect of the heritage that makes our community, our state, and our country great; and

WHEREAS, we are gathered in the site of the Alachua County Memorial that honors the 136 individuals from Alachua County who gave their lives in service to the United States in Korea and Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, close to this very spot a tree is planted for every one of those Americans who gave the ultimate sacrifice, trees that live on and grace our lives with its beauty, shade and the very essential, life-sustaining oxygen we breathe; and

WHEREAS, every great community effort has outstanding volunteers who persistently provide guidance and enthusiasm for projects that make history and citizenship personal and real; and

WHEREAS, no volunteer in recent memory devoted greater effort toward the invocation of citizenship than Jim McCawley, whose vision has given to our community the Alachua County Veterans Memorial "Walk Through Time" at Kanapaha Park, the "Flags for Our Classrooms" with the Alachua County School Board and "Trees for Our Heroes" with the Florida Department of Transportation and the Florida Division of Forestry; and

WHEREAS, Gainesville is a community that truly appreciates our precious Constitutional freedoms, and especially today the right of assembly, and because we recognize that these rights come at a very high price for some individuals.

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

Jim McCawley Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in thanking him with deep and abiding gratitude, for all he did for our community, and especially we thank him for the trees that remind us how important it is to let the spirit of the veterans who have protected our freedom live in our hearts.

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 April, A.D., 2007.


Pegeen Hanrahan
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Mayor