

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Thomas D. Bussing

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, more than 50,000 people in Gainesville and Alachua County are estimated to suffer from significant unrelieved pain, resulting in lost work time and diminished quality of life; and

WHEREAS, early and appropriate treatment can prevent chronic disability, restore function and enhance quality of life for pain sufferers and their families; and

WHEREAS, one of the most significant barriers to effective pain control is patients' lack of knowledge about available pain treatments; and

WHEREAS, the health care community in Gainesville offers expertise in managing chronic and recurring pain; and

WHEREAS, concerned citizens in Gainesville have come together to address the issues relating to pain in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States declared the first decade of the 21st Century to be declared the "Decade of Pain Control and Research"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville, as part of its "Well City" initiative, supports community efforts to inform citizens about health issues affecting their lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas D. Bussing, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim January 19-26, 2001 as

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in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in increasing their knowledge and awareness about the impact of pain in their lives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 11th day of December, A.D., 2001.



Thomas D. Bussing
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Mayor