

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Haurahan

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, a large percentage of home structure fires and related civilian deaths are often preventable; and

WHEREAS, candle fires account for an estimated five percent of all reported home fires; and

WHEREAS, in the United States an estimated 18,000 home structure fires started by candles were reported in 2002 with 130 deaths and \$333 million dollars in direct property loss; and

WHEREAS, locally, home fires caused by candles continue to occur due to unattended candles, close proximity to combustibles and increased use during the holidays and power outages; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States designated the week of October 9th as Fire Prevention Week to remind citizens to be cautious and because there is a need for an effective local community program that deals with all aspects of fire prevention.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim the week of October 9-15, 2005 as

Fire Prevention Week

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to inform and educate themselves in protecting their family and loved ones from the devastation of home structure fires caused by candles.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 26th day of September, A.D., 2005.



Chuck Chestnut

Chuck Chestnut, FO

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem