

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, hundreds of dedicated and selfless firefighters in our state provide vital and lifesaving services to the citizens of their communities; and

WHEREAS, at a moment's notice, these men and women risk their lives by subduing fires and rescuing those trapped in infernos, as well as saving citizens from emergencies that could have been deadly situations; and

WHEREAS, firefighters contribute significantly to the continued well being of the city of Gainesville through their outstanding commitment to community service. Their sense of duty and responsibility is evidenced by their hundreds of volunteer hours in annual boot drives to collect funds to fight Muscular Dystrophy; and

WHEREAS, for the past 50 years, firefighters throughout the city of Gainesville and the nation have worked to eradicate the muscular dystrophies, Lou Gehrig's disease, myasthenia gravis and other neuromuscular diseases; and

WHEREAS, many of the Gainesville's citizens have benefited from the funds raised by firefighters in the "Fill-the-Boot" Campaign, and these public servants make invaluable contributions to our city in all the tasks they perform.

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

MDA Firefighter Appreciation Month

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in commending our firefighters for their numerous contributions to public service.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 16th day of August, A.D., 2007.

Pegeen Hanrahan
Mayor