

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on July 4, 1776, our Nation's Founders declared "That these United Colonies are, and of Right, ought to be free and Independent States" -- a declaration that marked a great milestone in the history of human freedom; and

WHEREAS, on the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, we pay tribute to the courage and dedication of those who created this country, and we celebrate the values of liberty and equality that make our country strong; and

WHEREAS, we remember names like Washington, Adams, Jefferson, and Franklin -- we honor their courage and vision, and are grateful that our Founders pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor to create an independent America; and

WHEREAS, these patriots acted on the beliefs that "all men are created equal" and "that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights," and by advancing these ideals, generations of Americans have unleashed the hope of freedom for people in every corner of the world; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate our independence, Americans take pride in our history and offer our gratitude to all American patriots, past and present, who have sought to advance freedom and lay the foundations of peace; and

WHEREAS, because of the sacrifice of those who support these ideals, this country continues to remain a beacon of hope for all who dream of liberty, and is a shining example to the world of what a free people can achieve.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim July 4, 2007 as

## *Independence Day 2007*

in the City of Gainesville, and encourage our citizens to observe Independence Day as a time to honor our Founders and their legacy of freedom and remember with thankfulness the sacrifice of our men and women in uniform, and their families, for their service and sacrifice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 19th day of June, A.D., 2007.

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Pegeen Hanrahan  
Mayor