

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the health of our community's people is the foundation for a caring and productive society, and our future rests with our ability to find cures for, and adequately treat individuals who are afflicted with a variety of illnesses including pulmonary hypertension; and

WHEREAS, pulmonary hypertension is a rare disorder causing intolerable blood pressure levels in the arteries between the lungs and heart. Historically, it has been chronic and incurable with a poor survival rate; and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis can lead to early treatment and the possibility of improved quality of life and prolonged life; and

WHEREAS, education can help with early diagnosis and funding for research can help find a cure; and

WHEREAS, the Pulmonary Hypertension Association is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for those with pulmonary hypertension through education and awareness and through research, member services and patient and family support.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim November 2009 as

Pulmonary Hypertension Awareness Month

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me by recognizing the seriousness of this disease and the meritorious work of the Pulmonary Hypertension Association to find a cure.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 20th day of October, A.D., 2009.



Pegeen Hanrahan
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Mayor