

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1960, Arnold Jake Mitchell was front man for the R&B group, "Little Jake and the Blenders"; and

WHEREAS, in the same year, "Little Jake and the Blenders" became the first African American singing group to perform at Gator Growl where 10,000 extra bleachers were placed in the end zone so that African Americans could be there; and

WHEREAS, after the Gator Growl performance, the group was booked solid for two years at sorority and fraternity houses; and

WHEREAS, as a vocalist, Little Jake Mitchell performed nationwide; making recordings for Impact Records, Newton Records, and his own label Golden Hit Productions; and

WHEREAS, Little Jake Mitchell is currently working on a new album to be titled "Have Faith" which will include original songs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim May 6, 2010 as

### *Little Jake Mitchell Day*

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in honoring Mr. Mitchell for being an outstanding musical pioneer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, A.D., 2010.



*Pegeen Hanrahan*  
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Mayor