

**City of Gainesville, Florida**

Office of Mayor Paula M. DeLaney

File No. 991008

Jan. 24, 2000

**PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, non-native plant species pose a serious threat to Florida's Natural Communities; and

WHEREAS, more natural habitat is lost to invasive plants than to development each year; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville Recreation and Parks Department has worked cooperatively with the Department of Environmental Protection, the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council, the Florida Native Plant Society and GEAR volunteers, to increase awareness of invasive non-native plant issues; and

WHEREAS, the First Annual Great Air Potato Roundup will be held at Westside Park on February 5th, 2000, to encourage volunteer participation in the stewardship of the City's natural areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paula M. DeLaney, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim the week of January 30 through February 5, 2000 as

**NON-NATIVE INVASIVE PLANT  
AWARENESS WEEK**

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens and businesses to actively participate in removing non-native species and planting of native species for the protection of our natural areas.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, A.D., 2000.

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Paula M. DeLaney  
Mayor