

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, founded in 1945, the United Nations, whose central role it is to promote peace and security, development and human rights around the world, celebrates its anniversary each October 24, the date the UN Charter came into force; and

WHEREAS, in September 2000, 189 nations, including the United States, agreed upon eight Millennium Development Goals to meet the needs of the world's poorest; and

WHEREAS, the sixth Millennium Development Goal seeks, by 2015, to halt and begin to reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis and other major diseases which kill nearly 25 million people a year and disable millions more; and

WHEREAS, the United States has been a leader in the global fight to prevent and treat these afflictions, and has demonstrated its commitment to global health by being the largest contributor to the Global Fund to fight AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria; and

WHEREAS, the United States must continue to work with the United Nations and other UN agencies in order to provide a coordinated, multilateral effort in both assessing the current problems of the spread of these major diseases, and determining the strategies and mechanisms best suited to reduce the number of people living with HIV and who contract malaria and tuberculosis each year; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations Association of the United States of America (UNA USA), in cooperation with other organizations, has declared "Combating HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Other Diseases" as its theme for the 2007 United Nations Day commemorations; and

WHEREAS, Elisabeth Renner has been appointed Chair of UN Day in Gainesville, to work with the local UNA-USA members and community leaders to organize events and activities to educate citizens about the continuing need for the United Nations, and the importance of undertaking efforts on the local and international level to promote global cooperative initiatives toward a more healthy world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim October 18, 2007 as

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in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in participating in all activities related to UN Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, A.D., 2007.



*Pegeen Hanrahan*  
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Mayor