

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan  
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Eleanor Blair arrived in Gainesville in the spring of 1971, driving a 1951 Plymouth, with \$40, a shopping bag of clothes, a box of paint, and a lamp; and

WHEREAS, Eleanor Blair has participated in every Spring Arts Festival and created posters for the Festival in 1981, 1982, and 2002; and created posters for the Downtown Arts Festival in 1998 and 2008. Eleanor Blair was named the City of Gainesville's Arts Volunteer of the Year in 1990, and has received the Downtown Redevelopment, National League of American Pen Women, and the Robert Little Memorial Awards; and

WHEREAS, Eleanor Blair has donated paintings or volunteered for multiple fundraisers including American Heart Association, Stop! Children's Cancer, Human Rights Council of North Central Florida, Sierra Club, Association For Retarded Citizens, Cultural Arts Coalition, Ronald McDonald House, American Cancer Society, University of Florida Performing Arts Center, Friends of the Library, and the Acorn Clinic; and

WHEREAS, Eleanor Blair's paintings are in the permanent collections of the Matheson Center, Daytona Museum of Arts and Sciences, Lowe Museum of Art, Baptist Memorial Hospital, North Florida Regional Hospital, University of Tampa, City of Coral Gables, Florida International University, Lee Moffit Cancer Center, and in many other public and private collections around the world; and

WHEREAS, Eleanor is the awesome drummer of The Weeds of Eden; and

WHEREAS, the Gainesville/Alachua County Cultural Affairs Board has awarded Eleanor Blair their Lifetime Arts Achievement Award.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim January 21, 2010 as

## *Eleanor Blair Day*

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in honoring her for her contributions to the enrichment of the arts in our City.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, A.D., 2010.



*Pegeen Hanrahan*  
Pegeen Hanrahan  
Mayor