

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, 5.4 million Americans and their families are affected by a developmental disability; and

WHEREAS, public awareness and education enhance a community's understanding of the issues affecting people with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, people with developmental disabilities can be vital and vibrant members of our communities, improving the quality of life for all of us; and

WHEREAS, family members, friends and the community at large all play a role in supporting people with disabilities as they pursue their dreams; and

WHEREAS, since 1966, The Arc of Alachua County has been the most comprehensive organization in Alachua County providing support, services and advocacy to help assure that people with developmental disabilities can be full participants in the community.

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

Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in giving full support toward enabling people with developmental disabilities to live full and productive lives in their communities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this ninth day of February, A.D., 2010.



Pegeen Hanrahan Mayor