

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, this Silver Anniversary of National Crime Victims' Rights Week provides a national opportunity to reflect on the devastating impact of crime and terrorism on victims and our entire Nation, and to strengthen our national resolve to ensure that victims' needs are identified and addressed; and

WHEREAS, America as a Nation, and we as individuals and communities, recognize that justice isn't served until crime victims are, that crime and violence in America affects us all, and that victims' rights are a critical component of "justice for all"; and

WHEREAS, justice isn't served until all crime victims and those hurt by crime--our mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, sisters and brothers, neighbors and friends--are provided support and assistance in the aftermath of victimization; and

WHEREAS, our justice system must be open and informative to victims of crime; and

WHEREAS, America as a Nation recognizes that we serve justice by serving victims of crime and that by helping victims and survivors of crime, we help make our homes and neighborhoods, communities and Nation stronger, safer and more secure.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim April 10-16, 2005 as

Crime Victims Rights Week

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in honoring the rights of crime victims not only during this week, but throughout the year; and to continue to fulfill the promise of justice and compassion for crime victims in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 5th day of April, A.D., 2005.



Pegeen Hanrahan
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Mayor