

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Thomas D. Bussing

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the global epidemic of HIV infection and AIDS requires a worldwide effort to increase communication, education and united action to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) observes December 1 of each year as World AIDS Day, a day to expand strengthen worldwide efforts to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, UNAIDS estimates that over 35 million people worldwide are currently living with HIV/AIDS, with young people under the age of 25 accounting for more than half of all new infections; and

WHEREAS, the American Association for World Health is encouraging a better understanding of the challenge of HIV/AIDS nationally as it recognizes that the number of people diagnosed with HIV and AIDS in the United States continues to increase, with up to 900,000 people in the US now infected; and

WHEREAS, World AIDS Day provides an opportunity to focus local, national and international attention on HIV infection and AIDS and to disseminate information on how to prevent the spread of HIV; and

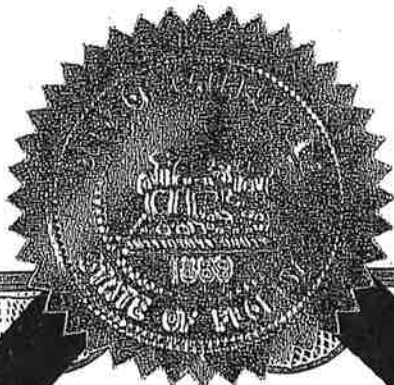
WHEREAS, an estimated 900,000 people in the United States are currently living with HIV or AIDS, and half of all new HIV infections in the US are among young Americans under the age of 25. *The World of AIDS Day 2001 theme -- I Care, Do You?* and *AIDS in the 21st Century*, urges all youth to increase their awareness of the risk of HIV/AIDS.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas D. Bussing, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim December 1, 2001 as

WORLD AIDS DAY

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me urging all youth and those who influence them to increase their awareness of the risk of HIV/AIDS for themselves and to use their influence in their families, among their friends and in their communities to help stem the tide of HIV/AIDS pandemic.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 30th day of November, A.D., 2001.



Thomas D. Bussing
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Mayor