

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Rhonda Wilson is founder and Artistic Director of the Star Center Theater and is the recipient of the 2008 Gainesville/Alachua County Cultural Affairs Board's Annual Award for her contributions to the arts; and

WHEREAS, since the year 2000, the Star Theatre has brought the performing arts and theater experience to as many children as possible, including those with limited incomes; and

WHEREAS, the Star Theater offers drama classes and year-round performing arts programs, and some 250 children perform each year in eight main productions and seven smaller shows that tour area libraries, community centers and schools; and

WHEREAS, Rhonda Wilson has produced and directed over 50 plays, including "The Lion King" and "Robin Hood," and the Star Theater has won local and statewide recognition, including the Corner Drug Store's Spotlight on Youth Award and the Governor's Award for Investment in Youth; and

WHEREAS, Rhonda Wilson teaches drama at Duval Elementary School's Performing Arts Magnet Program, where she encourages children's creativity and self-esteem through the performing arts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim November 20, 2008 as

Rhonda Wilson Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in honoring and appreciating Rhonda Wilson for her outstanding contributions to the enjoyment and expansion of cultural arts 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 fifth day of November, A.D., 2008.



Pegeen Hanrahan
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Mayor