

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, The United Nations was founded in 1945, and the anniversary of its founding is observed each year on October 24; and

WHEREAS, one of the principal mandates of the United Nations--"to achieve international cooperation in solving problems of an economic, social, cultural, or humanitarian character"--remains as valid today as when written into the Charter more than a half century ago; in September of 2000, 189 countries, including the United States, agreed on Millennium Development Goals; and

WHEREAS, the United States is champion of women's rights both here and abroad, and most recently in its work in Afganistan and Iraq; and it recognizes that mortality from poor maternal health has a permanent and lasting affect on future generations; and

WHEREAS, the United States must continue to work with the United Nations and UN Agencies in order to provide a coordinated, multi-lateral effort in assessing the current problem of maternal health and well-being, and determining strategies and mechanisms best suited to reduce maternal mortality and improve women's health; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations Association of the United States of America (UN-USA), in cooperation with other organizations, has declared "Maternal Health and Well-Being" as its theme for the 2006 United Nations Day commemorations; and

WHEREAS, Lisa Renner has been appointed Chair of UNDay in Alachua County to work with a UNDay Committee composed of community leaders to organize events and activities to educate citizens about the continuing need for the United Nations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim October 19, 2006 as

United Nations Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in recognizing the importance of undertaking efforts on the local and international level to promote global cooperative initiatives toward a peaceful and more just world.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 4th day of October, A.D., 2006.

Pegeen Hanrahan
Mayor