

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Children's Tumor Foundation is observing May as National Neurofibromatosis (NF) Awareness Month to inform the public about this common genetic disorder; and

WHEREAS, NF is more prevalent than Cystic Fibrosis, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, and Huntington's Disease combined; and

WHEREAS, although over 100,000 Americans have NF and one of every 4,000 newborns will develop the disorder, it still is relatively unknown to the public; and

WHEREAS, NF causes tumors to grow along nerves throughout the body, and can affect the development of other parts of the body, such as bone and skin tumors, bone deformities such as scoliosis of the spine; leg bowing and/or twisting, progressive loss of hearing, sight and balance; learning disabilities; and other symptoms; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Tumor Foundation (www.ctf.org, or 800-323-7938) leads the efforts to support research aimed at finding the causes of the disorder, developing treatments and cure, and providing support to people with NF; and

WHEREAS, much remains to be done to raise awareness of the need to prevent, treat and cure NF.

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

Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in learning more about NF, becoming aware of its early symptoms, and supporting the efforts to eradicate NF.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 12th day of May, A.D., 2006.

Pegeen Hanrahan
Mayor