

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Craig Lowe
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on February 23, 1998, the Gainesville City Commission unanimously resolved to invite the cities of Qalqilya, Palestine and Kfar Saba, Israel, to establish a three-way sister city relationship with the City of Gainesville; and

WHEREAS, Gainesville Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan led a Gainesville delegation to personally deliver the resolution to the mayors of Qalqilya and Kfar Saba, who enthusiastically endorsed the three-way relationship; and

WHEREAS, reciprocal delegations from Kfar Saba and Qalqilya have come to Gainesville to further explore the possibilities of mutually-beneficial cooperation among the three cities; and

WHEREAS, a delegation from Kfar Saba and Qalqilya is currently visiting Gainesville to further develop relationships with environmental experts, schools and municipal governments; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville can enjoy significant benefits from its relationship with Kfar Saba and Qalqilya by providing opportunities for its citizens to share experiences and cooperative projects with people from our sister cities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Lowe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim April 4, 2013 as

Gainesville/Kfar Saba/Qalqilya Sister City Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in welcoming and extending our hospitality to the delegation from Kfar Saba and Qalqilya.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 20th day of March, C.E., 2013.

*Craig Lowe
Mayor*