

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Craig Lowe
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Edward J. Regan, Jr. is a registered Environmental Engineer who began his employment with the City of Gainesville on November 12, 1979, and upon his retirement on February 29, 2012, will have faithfully served the City for 33 years, including 22 years as head of GRU's Strategic Planning Department; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Regan has successfully worked across department boundaries and with interdisciplinary teams to harness what he has frequently stated are GRU's only true competitive advantages, which are the hearts and minds of GRU's employees; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Regan has ably represented GRU to a wide range of regulatory agencies and financial institutions, including the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Florida Public Service Commission and bond rating agencies and bond trustees, and he has served actively on the boards of industry associations such as the Florida Municipal Electric Association, the Florida Municipal Power Agency, the Florida Reliability Coordinating Council, the University of Florida Public Utility Research Center, The Energy AuthoritySM and the Solar Electric Power Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Regan's research has led to the early adoption of many beneficial, cost effective and innovative technologies and programs, such as high pressure sodium street lighting, bio-filter odor control, distributed chilled water, the solar feed in tariff and the trunking radio system now used by every public safety agency in Alachua County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Regan has worked with teams and community leaders to successfully create three new utility services for GRU whose combined revenues are now in excess of \$23,000,000 per year, including reclaimed water, fiber optic networks and chilled water, all of which bring substantial benefits to the community in terms of resource conservation, world class broadband and wireless services and substantial cost savings; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Regan's efforts have not only helped Gainesville to have the lowest electrical consumption per residential customer in Florida, but have resulted in the construction of 315 megawatts of electric power generation with the result that our community will have the highest percentage of renewable energy in the southeast United States, substantial protection from future energy crises and minimum exposure to volatile fossil fuel prices.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Lowe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim February 29, 2012 as

Ed Regan Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in wishing him health and happiness in the upcoming years.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 8th day of February, A.D., 2012.

Craig Lowe
Mayor