

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Craig Lowe  
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville's park and recreation system is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for thousands of residents in our community through recreation and environmental programming, leisure activities, and conservation efforts; and

WHEREAS, the City's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department manages and maintains - fifty-six active and passive parks and green spaces totaling over 2,379 acres; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville's parks, recreation and nature programs provide opportunities for young people to live, grow, and develop into contributing members of society, and create lifelines and continuous life experiences for older members of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville's parks and facilities generate opportunities for people to come together and experience a sense of community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville's parks, recreation facilities, conservation areas, and nature trails pay dividends to this community by attracting businesses, jobs, and families, improving our health and increasing property values; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville recognizes the vital contributions of employees and volunteers in our parks and recreation areas who keep facilities clean and safe for visitors, organize programs and activities, provide education and information, advocate for more open space, recreational lands, and facilities, and ensure that all parks, programs, and facilities are accessible for citizens to enjoy.

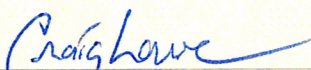
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Lowe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim July 2010 as

## Parks and Recreation Month

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me to celebrate, support, and promote this observance and take advantage of the many benefits our parks and recreation programs provide to everyone.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, A.D., 2010.



  
Craig Lowe  
Mayor