

**City of Gainesville, Florida**

Office of Mayor Paula M. DeLaney

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**PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, fighting fires is one of the most hazardous professions, requiring physical strength, stamina, extensive training, courage, and selfless concern for the welfare of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, in addition to their daily service to communities, Fire Fighters throughout the state and across the nation have joined the Muscular Dystrophy Association for over four decades in the fight against neuromuscular diseases; and

WHEREAS, Florida Fire Fighters collected a record breaking \$1,046,379 in over 300 communities with their 1999 "Fill the Boot" campaign for MDA, again making them MDA's largest source of funding; and

WHEREAS, the Muscular Dystrophy Association is extremely grateful to the City of Gainesville Fire Fighters for their support and dedication; and

WHEREAS, the funds collected by the City of Gainesville Fire Fighters assist MDA in providing medical services at local clinics, summer camps, research grants, support groups, and public education seminars at no cost to local children and families; and

WHEREAS, in honor of the efforts of the City of Gainesville Fire Fighters, the Muscular Dystrophy Association is sponsoring the City of Gainesville Fire Fighter Appreciation Week; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for all Gainesville citizens to join the Muscular Dystrophy Association in this tribute to our Fire Fighters,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paula M. DeLaney, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim August 30th through September 4th, 2000 as

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WEEK**

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in recognizing the efforts of the Fire Fighters on behalf of MDA.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, A.D., 2000.

  
Paula M. DeLaney  
Mayor

