

WHEREAS, the foundation of a humane and just society is the people's willingness to work together for the common good while building social capital within a community; and

WHEREAS, volunteerism historically reflects the highest values of our democratic society, in that regardless of race, creed, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, color, national origin or disability, all may volunteer and thus reap the rich rewards that come from giving aid to others while improving one's own skills and widening one's horizons; and

WHEREAS, volunteers provide energy and guidance, and encourage others to join in improving the quality of life in our community through civic, health and human service organizations; and

WHEREAS, since 2009, over 40 volunteers donated 3,104 hours providing an approximate value of over \$55,996 to the Gainesville Police Department; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of every citizen and leader to honor our dedicated volunteers and celebrate the volunteer programs that contribute to the quality of life in Gainesville.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Lowe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim May 6, 2011 as

Guinesville Police Depurtment Volunteer Appreciation Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in honoring these dedicated individuals for all of their past, present and future contributions,

 $4 \times WITNESS$ WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 12^{th} day of April, A.D., 2011.



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