

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Edward B. Braddy  
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Nature Centers Commission presents the annual Star Awards to recognize individuals, groups, businesses or organizations for their positive contribution to Gainesville's natural environment; and

WHEREAS, Star Good Neighbor award recipient Doug Hornbeck is being recognized for his tireless efforts to help facilitate proper management of Gainesville and Alachua County's conservation lands by leveraging partnerships, giving of his time, resources and energy, and bringing people together in the name of conservation; and

WHEREAS, Star Volunteer awardee Francis E. "Jack" Putz dedicated 12 years of service to the City of Gainesville Tree Advisory Board and Tree Board of Appeals, serving many of those years as Chair. During his tenure, the Tree Advisory Board completed the first City of Gainesville Urban Forest Management Plan, and accomplished the update of the City's "tree ordinance," the section of the land development code dedicated to tree regulations that provides for protection of Gainesville's tree canopy. The ordinance update took more than 10 years to complete; and

WHEREAS, Danny Lyons of Canopy Climbers LLC received the Star Green Business award for promoting appropriate recreational use of City of Gainesville Nature Parks by offering unique tree climbing experiences allowing citizens to experience the thrill and excitement of exploring our tree canopy in a safe, sustainable and user-friendly way. Danny Lyons has brought his enthusiasm for the environment and expertise as an experienced guide to these activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward B. Braddy, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim March 5, 2015 as

*Doug Hornbeck, Dr. Jack Putz  
and Danny Lyons Day*

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in recognizing these individuals and expressing our appreciation for their service, dedication and positive contributions to Gainesville's natural environment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, A.D., 2015.



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Mayor