

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Craig Lowe
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the bicycle plays an important role in the lives of many Gainesville residents, serving as an integral form of transportation and recreation; and

WHEREAS, the education of cyclists and motorists as to the proper operation of bicycles is important to ensure the safety and comfort of all users; and

WHEREAS, a popular form of recreation, bicycling is important to rich and varied cultural events in the City such as sports, community rides and races; and

WHEREAS, bicycling brochures are the most requested brochures at the State of Florida's Welcome Centers, supporting the state's tourism industry; and

WHEREAS, bicycling helps to motivate nature-based tourism and historical preservation through the conversion of former rail corridors to multi-use trails; and

WHEREAS, promotion of bicycling has contributed significantly to economic redevelopment in the City by attracting nature-based tourism and outdoors enthusiasts to the region; and

WHEREAS, many cyclists from Gainesville and other communities participate in cycling activities to experience the City's beautiful scenery, many parks, natural attractions and historic sites; and

WHEREAS, increased bicycle usage promotes health and wellness in the City and encourages citizens to develop habits of physical activity to become fit, prevent obesity and reduce the risk of chronic disease; and

WHEREAS, the month of May has been recognized as National Bike Month since 1956.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Lowe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim May 2013 as

National Bike Month

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in reminding residents and visitors to enjoy the region's beautiful bicycling weather.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 24th day of May, C.E., 2013.



Craig Lowe

Craig Lowe
Mayor