

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Thomas D. Bussing

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Nakesha Browning was nominated by Gainesville Police Department Sergeant Will Halvosa for the 2001 Florida Missing Children's Day Citizen of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, this nomination stemmed from Ms. Browning's extraordinary actions in assisting a 12-year old boy who was abducted and victimized on the morning of October 17, 2000 in Gainesville; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Browning, acting as a concerned citizen and parent, reacted without hesitation in transporting this young boy to his grandparents after observing him alone and frightened in the streets in the early morning hours; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Browning's nomination was recognized in Tallahassee by Lt. Governor Frank Brogan on September 10th; and

WHEREAS, Gainesville Police Detective Reggie Johnson, lead investigator in the case, states that Ms. Browning demonstrated humanity when she stopped her vehicle to help a child in need, and then demonstrated courage by acting swiftly and decisively removing the child from harms way and returning him to his family; and

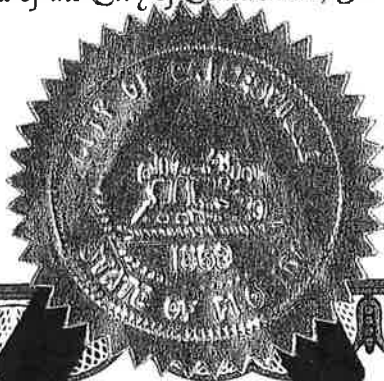
WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville wishes to recognize our citizens who work with law enforcement,

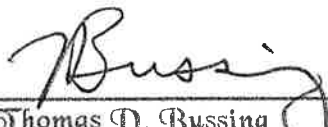
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas D. Bussing, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim October 8, 2001 as

NAKESHA BROWNING DAY

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in extending our appreciation for this act of kindness and fine example of community policing partnership.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this first day of October, A.D., 2001.




Thomas D. Bussing
Mayor