

City of Gainesville, Florida  
Office of Mayor Paula M. DeLaney

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Otto Gainey was born on Saturday, September 19, 1893 in Montechoa, Florida; and

WHEREAS, when Otto Gainey reached 18 years of age, his father gave him nine silver dollars, his mother gave him seven silver dollars and both gave him a new suit and shoes; and

WHEREAS, Otto Gainey's parents told him that they were proud of him and the service that he had given them on their 140 acre farm, and that he was now on his own. Everything he earned from that day on belonged to him; and

WHEREAS, Otto Gainey became a carpenter and traveled from Georgia to California, including many cities in Florida (Miami, Fort Lauderdale, Jacksonville); and

WHEREAS, at the age of 22, he joined the Army and served in World War I for three years and twenty days; and

WHEREAS, after his service in the Army, he returned to Gainesville and purchased his house built in 1906, where he has lived for eighty years; and

WHEREAS, Otto Gainey married twice. Both wives are deceased; and

WHEREAS, Otto Gainey's hobby's include fishing and traveling. He operated a Produce Stand on University during the last Homecoming Parade; and

WHEREAS, his secret for a long and happy life is "to tend to his own business". He is grateful that just about everybody says that "he is as good a man who ever put on a pair of pants".

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paula M. DeLaney, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim \_\_\_\_\_, 1999 as

## OTTO GAINEY DAY

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me \_\_\_\_\_.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D., 1999.

---

Paula M. DeLaney  
Mayor