

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Edward B. Braddy  
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, according to the National Crime Information Center, about 500,000 children under the age of 18 were reported missing in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® (NCMEC) exists as a resource to help prevent child abduction and sexual exploitation, to help find missing children and to assist victims of child abduction and sexual exploitation, their families and the professionals who serve them; and

WHEREAS, more than 2.2 million reports of suspected child exploitation have been made to NCMEC's CyberTipline® between 1998 and December 2013; and

WHEREAS, National Missing Children's Day is a special time to remember those children who are missing and give hope to their families; and

WHEREAS, the Take 25 Campaign through NCMEC encourages families, teachers and trusted adults of the nation to take 25 minutes to teach their children about safety, both online and in everyday life, on May 25<sup>th</sup> of every year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward B. Braddy, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim May 25, 2014 as

## *National Missing Children's Day*

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me and join forces in total effort to safeguard our children and to continue to educate them with the basic rules of safety.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, A.D., 2014.



*Edward B. Braddy*  
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Mayor