

WHEREAS, July 26, 2014, marks the 24th Anniversary of the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); and

WHEREAS, the ADA states as its purpose to provide "a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities"; and

WHEREAS, City policy prohibits discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodation and credit against persons because of a disability; and

WHEREAS, we encourage all citizens of Gainesville to become more familiar with this important piece of civil rights legislation and challenge perceptions and beliefs about disabilities and make a commitment to carrying out the mandates of the ADA; and

WHEREAS, we encourage both private and public sector organizations conducting business within the city limits of Gainesville to join us on July 24, 2014 at 10:00AM at Sidney Janier Center, as we celebrate ADA 2014 Disability Awareness Training & Expo; and

WHEREAS, on this day the City affirms its commitment to ensuring that all of its services, programs and activities are accessible to all qualified persons.

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

Americans with Disabilities Act Awareness Month

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in dedicating ourselves toward fulfilling the intent and spirit of this law.

AN WHONESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 25th day of June, A.D., 2014.

Edward B. Braddy

Mayor