

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Edward B. Braddy  
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Dance Alive National Ballet (DANB), a professional ballet company with an international roster of award winning dancers and an active community driven Board of Trustees, is celebrating 50 years of creating and producing art in the City of Gainesville and Alachua County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Dance Alive National Ballet has represented the City of Gainesville, Alachua County and Florida by touring for over 40 years; reaching 17 US states (last year Georgia, Mississippi, Wisconsin and Iowa) and 46 Florida counties; and

WHEREAS, DANB has had its dancers perform and choreography presented in Costa Rica, Russia, Brazil and Bulgaria. Additionally, the Ministers' of Culture of Costa Rica and Bulgaria requested DANB present master classes to their respective national dance companies; and

WHEREAS, Directors Kim Tuttle and Judy Skinner have played a major part in DANB's growth for the organization's entire 50 year history; and

WHEREAS, Dance Alive National Ballet Resident Choreographers have been awarded seven Individual Fellowships and two Artist Enhancement Grants by the State of Florida. Artistic Director Kim Tuttle is a frequent consultant and advisor for ballet companies throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, DANB has produced over 200 works for home and tour reaching over 650,000 individuals in main-stage performances; and

WHEREAS, Discovering Dance, DANB's award-winning educational programs and accompanying curriculum material, has reached over 100,000 school children; and

WHEREAS, outreach activities, residencies and master classes have reached numerous seniors and children while DANB's Dance Partners provides access to performances for those without financial means; and

WHEREAS, Dance Alive National Ballet builds relationships and collaborates with exceptional arts and science organizations such as Florida's Touring Program, Florida's Division of Cultural Affairs, UF School of the Arts, UF Symphony Orchestra and Concert Choir, Samuel P. Harn Museum of Art, Florida Museum of Natural History, Hippodrome Theatre, Gainesville Master Chorale, Cade Museum, Gainesville Chamber of Commerce and Digital Worlds Institute as well as numerous visual artists, musicians, poets and designers; and

WHEREAS, DANB partners with the City of Gainesville's Parks Recreation and Cultural Affairs and Visit Gainesville, working for the betterment of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward B. Braddy, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim 2015 as

## *Dance Alive National Ballet Year*

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in celebrating 50 years of artistic dance, enriched culture and exquisitely impressive entertainment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, A.D., 2015.



*Edward B. Braddy*  
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Mayor