

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Edward B. Braddy
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our city; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk of fire; and

WHEREAS, home fires killed more than 2,500 people in the United States and fire departments in the United States responded to 370,000 home fires in 2011 according to the latest research from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA); and

WHEREAS, cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States with two of every five home fires starting in the kitchen; and

WHEREAS, unattended cooking equipment was a factor in one-third of the reported cooking fires; and

WHEREAS, 57% of reported non-fatal home cooking fire injuries occurred when the victims tried to fight the fires themselves; and

WHEREAS, Gainesville's residents should stay in the kitchen when frying food on the stovetop, keep a three-foot, kid-free zone around cooking areas, keep anything that can catch fire away from stovetops and keep working smoke detectors in the home; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Prevent Kitchen Fires!" effectively serves to remind us to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward B. Braddy, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim October 6-12, 2013 as

Fire Prevention Week

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in checking their kitchens for fire hazards and using safe cooking practices at all times and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Gainesville's fire and emergency services.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 13th day of August, A.D., 2013.



Ed B. Braddy

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Mayor