

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Edward B. Braddy
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, from its 2010 Census, the City of Gainesville has a total population of 124,354 citizens and of that 14,815 are ages 60 and older that is 11.9% of the total population; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville is committed to helping all individuals live longer, healthier lives; and

WHEREAS, the older adults in Gainesville have made countless contributions and sacrifices to ensure a better life for future generations; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the value of injury prevention and safety awareness in helping older adults remain healthy and active; and

WHEREAS, our community can provide opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals young and old by emphasizing the need to take action to safeguard themselves from unintentional injuries where they live, work and socialize, providing information on avoiding leading causes of injury for older adults - falls, motor vehicle related incidents, suffocation, medication overdose and fire/burns and helping older adults take control of their safety and well being.

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

Older Americans Month

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in recognizing older adults and the people who serve and support them as powerful and vital individuals who greatly contribute to the community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 1st day of May, A.D., 2014.

Edward B. Braddy
Mayor