

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Thomas D. Bussing

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## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, there are more than 73 million cats and 68 million dogs living in more than 63 million households across the United States, with 90,635 cats and dogs living in Alachua County; and

WHEREAS, the irresponsibility of some pet owners has resulted in animals running loose and unsupervised, causing a threat to public health and safety; and indiscriminate breeding allowed by irresponsible pet owners who have not had their companion animals spayed or neutered has contributed to pet overpopulation; and

WHEREAS, animal shelter employees, police officers and emergency medical personnel must respond to these community problems and crises; and animal shelters act as safe havens for homeless and abused animals, providing them with comfort and care; and

WHEREAS, animal shelters help both animals and people in many ways: by returning lost pets to their owners, enforcing animal control laws, rescuing injured animals, educating the public, and matching up families with new animal companions; and

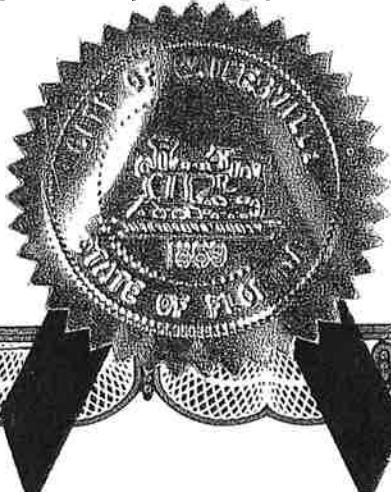
WHEREAS, the work of animal shelters and the important services they provide often go unnoticed and underappreciated by the citizens.


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas D. Bussing, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim November 4 - 10, 2001 as

## ANIMAL SHELTER APPRECIATION WEEK

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me recognizing the work of the Alachua County Animal Services Division for their service to our city.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 16th day of October, A.D., 2001.



  
Thomas D. Bussing  
Mayor