

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Craig Lowe PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, LaDorr E. Ingersoll began his employment with the City of Gainesville on January 3, 1978; and

WHEREAS, upon his retirement on January 2, 2012, LaDorr will have faithfully served the City for 34 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ingersoll achieved the distinguished award of "Silver Dolphin" while serving in the United States Navy nuclear submarine fleet, which meant that he was capable of performing every task upon the largest nuclear warhead submarine vessels in the world; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ingersoll brought not only his superb technical skills, but his exemplary work ethic, attention to detail and documentation, and high moral standards to bear on GRU's sophisticated communications systems, including GRU's first microwave data network and the City of Gainesville's public safety radio systems; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ingersoll was quick to appreciate the benefits of fiber optic technologies and went out of his way to master the skills and knowledge to work not only with the glass but the electronics that go with it; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ingersoll volunteered to be on the self directed work team that first created GRUCom's business plan and was among the very first group of employees that embarked on the risky start-up of GRU's new telecommunications utility services; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ingersoll's daily diligence and personal sacrifice has helped GRUCom grow into a financially sustainable enterprise with un-precedented levels of reliability upon which the firefighters and law enforcement officers of Alachua County rely with their lives every hour of every day; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ingersoll has served as a mentor for the next generation of GRUCom professionals, sharing unstintingly of his knowledge and expertise.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Lowe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim January 2, 2012 as

LaDorr E. Ingersoll Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in wishing him health and happiness in the upcoming years.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 21st day of December, A.D., 2011.

Craig Lowe
Mayor