

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Craig Lowe
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the week of May 6-12, 2012 has been designated as National Nurses Week with special tributes and celebrations of the nursing profession; and

WHEREAS, nursing as a profession had its beginning when its founder, Florence Nightingale delivered care to the soldiers who were dying from infections and poor care during the Crimean War which occurred from 1854-1856, with special mention of the less known African American nurse, Mary Seacole who gave care to the soldiers along with Ms. Nightingale, and in doing established the foundation for the delivery of health care to the masses and the basis for the beginning of nursing as a career choice; and

WHEREAS, as of 1998, May 8th was designated as National Student Nurses Day, celebrated annually and noted that as of 2003, National School Nurse Day be celebrated on the Wednesday within National Nurses Week (May 6-12) each year. Also, in recognition of International Nurses Day which is celebrated around the world on the birthday of Florence Nightingale, May 12th of each year. The theme for National Nurses Week in 2012 is "Nurses: Advocating, Leading, Caring;" and

WHEREAS, based on the theme, The Greater Gainesville Black Nurses are proud to continue providing service to the community through health forums, workshops, seminars, health screenings and partnerships, and will recognize nurses in the area at a reception on May 5, 2012 from 12 -3 p.m. at the Downtown Library; and

WHEREAS, The Greater Gainesville Black Nurses are committed to carrying out the goals and objectives of its national chapter and vow to continue to serve citizens in the Greater Gainesville area.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Lowe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim May 6-12, 2012 as

National Nurses Week

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in recognizing the achievements and contributions of our nurses so that we may honor them.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 18th day of April, A.D., 2012.



Craig Lowe

Craig Lowe
Mayor