City of Gainesville, Florida

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Office of Mayor Thomas D. Bussing

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Gainesville is a community rich in diversity and multicultural history; and

WHEREAS, the gay and lesbian community is comprised of men and women from all walks of life, and are active participants in making our community vibrant in spirit; and

WHEREAS, members of the gay and lesbian community are engaged in endeavors of economic growth, retail, education, hospitality and every major professional and service industry; and

WHEREAS, the PRIDE Celebration of Gainesville committee annually meets to create and schedule programs and events open to all citizens; and

WHEREAS, these programs and events encourage personal growth and pride in the individual which in turn benefits Gainesville as a quality place to live; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas D. Bussing, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim October 13-21, 2001 as

GAY & LESBIAN PRIDE WEEK

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in promoting understanding, care and respect to each individual, making us all proud of our community as the progressive, diverse and educational center of the State of Florida.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 19th day of September, A.D., 2001.

Thomas D. Bussing Mayor