

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Thomas D. Bussing

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## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators from 1933 to 1945, culminating in a campaign resulting in the murder of six million Jews and five million Poles, handicapped, Gypsies, homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war and political dissidents; and

WHEREAS, what we now know as the Holocaust could have been prevented, so "Remembrance" obligates us to remember not only the victims of the Holocaust but also those who took a determined stand against these perpetrators; and

WHEREAS, we the people of the City of Gainesville should actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of individual freedom in a just society by reflecting on the lessons of the Holocaust and striving to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning, respect, and remembrance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Act of Congress, the United States Holocaust Memorial Council designates April 7-14, 2002, as the observance of "Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust," and the International Day of Remembrance "Yom Hashoah," will be observed on April 9, 2002.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas D. Bussing, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim April 9, 2002 as

## *Holocaust Remembrance Day*

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in honoring the survivors, rescuers, and liberators of the victims of the Holocaust by "Remembering the Past for the Sake of the Future," and remaining ever vigilant against hatred, persecution and tyranny.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 14th day of March, A.D., 2002.



*Thomas D. Bussing*  
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Mayor