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City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Craig Lowe PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the foundation of a humane and just society is the people's willingness to work together for the common good while building social capital within a community; and

WHEREAS, volunteerism historically reflects the highest values of our democratic society, in that regardless of race, creed, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, color, national origin or disability, all may volunteer and thus reap the rich rewards that come from giving aid to others; while improving one's own skills and widening one's horizons; and

WHEREAS, volunteers provide energy and guidance, and encourage others to join in improving the quality of life in our community through civic, health and human service organizations; and

WHEREAS, during the year 2012, over 31 volunteers donated 4,368 hours providing an approximate value of over \$96,707.52 to the Gainesville Police Department; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of every citizen and leader to honor our dedicated volunteers and celebrate the volunteer programs that contribute to the quality of life in Gainesville.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Lowe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim May 22, 2013 as

Gainesville Police Department Volunteer Appreciation Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in honoring these dedicated individuals and all of their past, present and future contributions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 8^{th} day of May, C.E., 2013.

Craig Lowe Mayor