

Office of Mayor Craig Lowe PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, equality movements around the globe will be celebrating the life story, message and legacy of Harvey Milk on May 22, 2011; and

WHEREAS, thousands will join together to honor his memory and celebrate his message of hope, civic mindedness and community; and

WHEREAS. Harvey Milk was one of the 20th century's important social and political pioneers; and

WHEREAS, as the first openly gay elected official in the United States, Harvey Milk fought for the rights and equality of all including the elderly, small business owners, the many ethnic communities of his district as well as the growing gay community; and

WHEREAS, he exhibited exceptional courage, integrity and valor in these struggles to make the world a better place; and

WHEREAS, a broad public education and open dialogue were paramount to Harvey Milk's life's work as a civil rights leader.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Lowe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim May 22, 2011 as

## Harvey Milk Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in inspiring individuals, communities and organizations to carry on these values in timeless vision for a better world.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this  $27^{th}$  day of April, A.D., 2011.

Chair Lowe Craig Jowe Mayor