

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Edward B. Braddy
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the historic Seth Thomas clock was located in the Alachua County Courthouse in 1885 until its demolition in 1961; and

WHEREAS, Theodore "Ted" R. Crom was a world renowned horologist (one who studies clock and time) who envisioned rescuing this window into the past as he recognized the historical significance of the clock and stored it at his residence for a number of years, while getting others to recognize the clock's value and leading the effort to find a permanent home for it in the city's current clock tower which was erected in 1983; and

WHEREAS, Ted Crom personally contributed his time, talent and treasure to restore and preserve this piece of Gainesville/Alachua County history into its original working order for he wished that the Gainesville community and its visitors would be able to enjoy the clock and clock tower for many years; and

WHEREAS, August 10, 2013 is the 92nd birthday of Mrs. Wynona Crom, his widow, and 2013 is the 30th anniversary of the clock's restoration and the building of the clock tower; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville wishes to acknowledge Ted Crom's restoration and protection of the clock and his vision for a Gainesville landmark that is treasured by many, reminding us all of the link between the past and present that needs to be acknowledged and remembered.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward B. Braddy, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim August 10, 2013 as

Ted Crom Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in honoring Ted Crom for his vision and contributions to preserving a piece of Gainesville's history.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 27th day of June, A.D., 2013.

*Edward B. Braddy
Mayor*