

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Edward B. Braddy
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Pride Days have been celebrated in Gainesville since 1991, and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) pride events continue to be celebrated across the nation and internationally every year, as they have been since the birth of the modern LGBT civil rights movement at Stonewall in 1969; and

WHEREAS, Pride Days raises awareness for the equal rights and full participation of each member of our society, both locally and globally; and

WHEREAS, this year will mark the 45th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, so is a very special time to reflect upon and celebrate the many accomplishments the LGBT community and their allies have achieved; and

WHEREAS, a celebratory parade through beautiful and historic downtown Gainesville will further foster a sense of unity, while raising awareness of the inequalities still faced by the LGBT community; and

WHEREAS, Gainesville is a community rich in diversity and multicultural history, with a shared sense of inclusiveness and civic participation; and

WHEREAS, members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community are actively involved in every area of Gainesville's economic growth, including healthcare, retail, education and hospitality; and

WHEREAS, Pride Community Center of North Central Florida creates, schedules and hosts programs and events open to all of Gainesville's residents and visitors, and these programs are instrumental in fostering personal growth and pride in individuals who have historically been marginalized from society; and

WHEREAS, this personal growth and community outreach results in a stronger, more inclusive community, which in turn benefits Gainesville as a whole.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward B. Braddy, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim October 17-26, 2014 as

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Days

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in promoting understanding, care and respect for each individual, making us all proud of our community as a center of progress, diversity and education in 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 6th day of October, A.D., 2014.



Edward B. Braddy

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Mayor