

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Craig Lowe  
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, 4-H is a community where young people learn leadership, citizenship and life skills; with a mission to create supportive environments for diverse youth and adults to reach their fullest potential and a vision for 4-H to be the leading youth development program that creates positive change in youth, families and communities; and

WHEREAS, 4-H is an organization open to all children 5-18 years of age; Florida has 234,098 youth members and over 10,000 adult volunteers, with the Alachua County 4-H Program boasting 2,300 members and over 100 volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the Florida 4-H Program has been positively impacting children's lives by encouraging learning, leadership skills and promoting self confidence since 1909 and has celebrated over 100 years of service in teaching young people how to learn by doing and helping others; and

WHEREAS, the Alachua County 4-H Program is part of the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) at the University of Florida, and is a program where young people learn caring, leadership, citizenship and other life skills through service projects that reach out and help the community; and help to educate the community thru programs such as the Alachua County Youth Fair and 4-H Afterschool Programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Lowe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim October 2 - 8, 2011 as

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in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in taking advantage of the opportunity to become more aware of this special program which gives youth the chance to learn together and on their own as part of Alachua County 4-H and to join us in recognizing the unique partnership between our city, county and university system.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, A.D., 2011.



*Craig Lowe*  
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Mayor