

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Craig Lowe
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the National Federation of the Blind (NFB) was founded in 1940 to end discrimination against the blind and to secure first-class citizenship for all blind persons; and

WHEREAS, today the Federation, representing more than 50,000 members across the country, continues to work to secure equal rights and opportunities for the blind; and

WHEREAS, the NFB works to change attitudes about blindness by providing information about blindness to parents, teachers, school administrators, and business, political, social, and civic leaders; and

WHEREAS, since blind people and blindness are still frequently misunderstood, the National Federation of the Blind has developed a public education campaign, Meet the Blind Month, to create opportunities for the people of Florida to learn firsthand that blind people are basically like everyone else; and

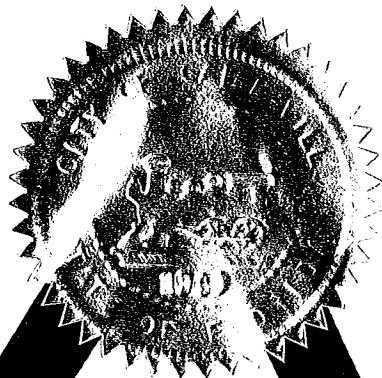
WHEREAS, the Florida affiliate of the National Federation of the Blind, now in its 40th year, invites neighbors, coworkers, and classmates to join them at various Meet the Blind events throughout the month of October to learn how blind people lead full and active lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Lowe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim October 23, 2010 as

Meet the Blind Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me and the National Federation of the Blind in raising awareness of blindness.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 28th day of September, A.D., 2010.



Craig Lowe
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Mayor