

**City of Gainesville, Florida**

Office of Mayor Thomas D. Bussing

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May 13, 2002

**PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, since 1979 the Annual Fifth Avenue Arts Festival has provided an occasion for all people in the City of Gainesville and Alachua County to come together to celebrate and enhance the diversity of our cultural community; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Fifth Avenue Arts Festival contributes to the economy of Gainesville and instills pride in the African American community and the City of Gainesville through its presentations of visual and performing artists; and

WHEREAS, the festival encourages unity through the participation of community organizations, local businesses, and diverse co-sponsoring organizations; and

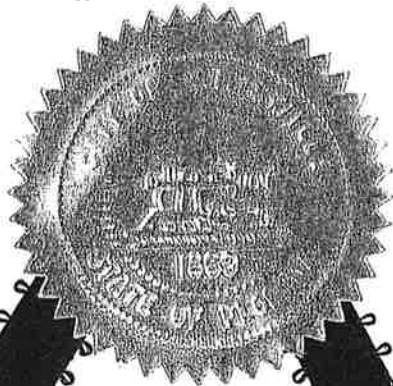
WHEREAS, the participating artists of the Fifth Avenue Arts Festival enhance the education of students in the Festival's "Artists in the Public Schools" program.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas D. Bussing, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim May 17 - 19, 2002 as

*Annual Fifth Avenue Arts Festival  
Days*

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in saluting the twenty-third Annual Fifth Avenue Arts Festival.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 26th day of April, A.D., 2002.



*Thomas D. Bussing*  
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Mayor