

City of Gainesville, Florida

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Jan. 14, 2002

Office of Mayor Thomas D. Bussing

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the National Arbor Day Foundation has certified Gainesville as Tree City USA for the 18th consecutive year; and

WHEREAS, 675 third-graders from seven Gainesville elementary schools are celebrating Arbor Day by planting 54 trees to beautify their school grounds and raise their awareness of how easy it is to play an important part in protecting the environment; and

WHEREAS, the City Beautification Board will host a community-wide gathering at Westside Park to celebrate the planting of Cedar Elms, Live Oaks, Bluff Oaks, Florida Maples, Southern Magnolias, and Flatwoods Plums to diversify the canopy in this important community facility, which at present is a forest of mostly Loblolly Pines; and

WHEREAS, the Four Seasons Garden Club members are sponsoring the planting of a Bluff Oak at the Thomas Center, so that the Camellia collection will grow more beautifully in the shade Camellias prefer; and

WHEREAS, during 2001, the sixth year of the Tree-mendous Gainesville tree-planting program, the Parks Division of the City's Recreation and Parks Department established more than 1000 saplings to renew Gainesville's tree canopy, including extensive plantings along major thoroughfares like SW 23rd Terrace, Main Street, NW 38th Street, NE 8th Avenue and Waldo Road, including trees at Evergreen Cemetery, and in Spring Hill, Cedar Grove, and Hibiscus Neighborhood Parks; and

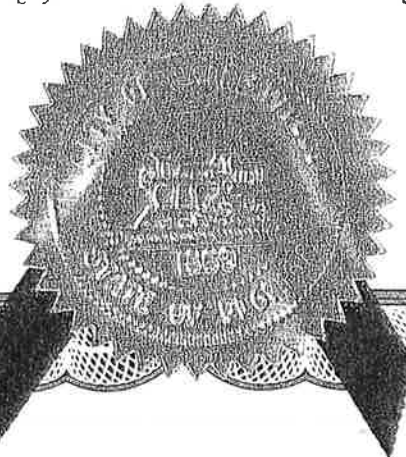
WHEREAS, the Alachua County Veterans Memorial Committee initiated the program "A Tree for Our Heroes" and began planting a tree for every local individual who gave their lives for our Country during World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam, and during the War Between the States.

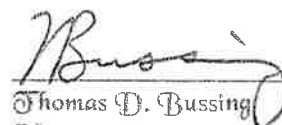
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas D. Bussing, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim Friday, January 18, 2002 as

ARBOR DAY

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in celebrating all our efforts that acknowledge the importance of trees!

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 7th day of January, A.D., 2002.




Thomas D. Bussing
Mayor