

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Edward B. Braddy
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Mrs. Esther Harris was born to Robert and Lizzie Mitchell in Sylvester, Georgia on June 22, 1912. She had six siblings: Lillie Mae, Collie, Mae Etta, Leanna, Detroit and Roxie, who are all now deceased; and

WHEREAS, after moving to Gainesville, Florida as a young lady, Esther began working as a housekeeper and babysitter for Samuel Getzen who was a well-known lawyer; and

WHEREAS, Esther worked for the Getzen family for 42 years and during that time, she purchased a home by the railroad tracks where the Police Department is located; and

WHEREAS, Esther relocated to St. Petersburg, Florida after marrying Mr. Otis Harris; and

WHEREAS, Esther was then employed by Howard Johnson and worked as a maid. After a few years with Howard Johnson, she eventually was employed by a retirement facility as a housekeeper; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Esther Harris was an active member in her community through Crime Watch and her church, Church of the Living God; and

WHEREAS, Esther Harris has three living nephews, James A. Walker, Jr., Kenneth Walker and Detroit Allen, and two nieces: Doris Welcome and Darlene Sallet. She also has a host of great-nieces and nephews.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward B. Braddy, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim June 22, 2015 as

Esther Harris Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in wishing her a very happy birthday as she celebrates her 103rd special day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 2nd day of July, A.D., 2015.

Edward B. Braddy
Mayor