

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Craig Lowe  
PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, mentoring is recognized as a powerful youth development strategy, offering support, guidance and encouragement to help young people achieve their full potential and become productive citizens; and*

*WHEREAS, effective mentoring programs can help students succeed in school, improve self-esteem and communication skills, and increase chances of pursuing higher education; and*

*WHEREAS, in 2002 President George W. Bush proclaimed January as National Mentoring Month to draw attention to the need for more volunteer mentors; and*

*WHEREAS, on this day the City recognizes mentors, parents and guardians, and donors involved in local mentoring programs and affirms its commitment to students; and*

*WHEREAS, we honor the Gainesville Enrichment Mentoring Program and Take Stock in Children for making the future brighter for our young people.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Lowe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim January 2013 as*

## *Mentoring Awareness Month*

*in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in dedicating ourselves toward fulfilling the intent and spirit of this law.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November, C.E., 2012.*



*Craig Lowe*

Craig Lowe  
Mayor