

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Edward B. Braddy
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Dr. Marie Herring is the daughter of the late Moderator N. A. Jackson and Mrs. Sadie P. Jackson. She has one brother and one sister. She is married to Lenton "POP" Herring of Hawthorne, Florida. To this union, four children were born and four grand-daughters; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Herring served as adult Sunday school teacher, adult choir directress, assistant bible teacher, and president of the Women's Ministry at DaySpring M. B. Church. Gainesville and surrounding areas have been blessed through conferences of the Women's Ministry under Reverend Herring's leadership. She is an ordained Missionary Baptist Minister and is presently Sr. Pastor of the DaySpring M. B. Church. Dr. Herring is also the coordinator and co-founder of the Alachua County Empowerment Revival Team that not only intercedes and witnesses to the Lost prior to the revival, but also empowers women to come forth and use their God-Given gifts; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Herring has initiated the following outreach programs at her church; PEP Club—host and serve dinner to people infected with HIV once per month. The church gives toiletries and other needed items to HIV victims as an ongoing project; St. Francis House—coats to the homeless; Hope Lodge—prepare dinner and minister to patients and families; Ronald McDonald House—prepare dinner and minister to patients and families led by our DHOAS ministry; Nursing Home and Meridian ministries; Clothes and food giveaways; Host tutorial program at church; Evangelistic teams—walk streets in community to witness and pray for people; Offer finance and leadership workshops for community and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Herring is the first African American female to pastor DaySpring Missionary Baptist Church. She is also presently one of few African American women pastors of a Missionary Baptist Church in the State of Florida. She is blazing a trail for women in ministry especially in the Missionary Baptist denomination. She is a member of the Alachua County Christian Ministerial Alliance, and Chaplain of the MCK Commission of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Herring has recently attended the meeting with the Congressional Black Caucus and the Counsel of National Black Churches in Washington D.C. upon the invitation of Congresswoman Corrine Brown to discuss the problems of the black community and possible solutions to those problems. Pastor Herring seeks to better her flock that the Lord has placed in her care by becoming better informed on the issues that affect her parishioners and the community in which she pastors. God is good all the time and all the time God is good; and

WHEREAS, the Lord has allowed Dr. Herring to record an old school gospel CD entitled, "Marie and Friends," that was borne directly from the heart of God. The Lord put together a group of people who caught the vision of making a gospel cd that will bless the elderly in nursing homes, the sick and shut-in and those who need their spirits lifted. God breathed on the project. Hallelujah; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Herring is a graduate of United Theological Seminary in Dayton Ohio with a Master of Divinity Degree and a Doctorate of Ministry Degree specializing in congregational development from a woman's perspective. Her progressive church by the Grace of God is on its way to developing into a holistic ministry that is meeting the needs of the people in surrounding communities. To God be the Glory.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward B. Braddy, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim May 5, 2016 as

Reverend Doctor Marie Herring Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in honoring her and thanking her for her many contributions and service to the community and celebrating her eighth year as Pastor of DaySpring Missionary Baptist Church.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 13th day of April, A.D., 2016.

Edward B. Braddy
Mayor