

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE IN SUPPORT OF THE LEAGUE OF CITIES "CITY SPIRIT AWARD".**

WHEREAS, the National League of Cities (NLC) has announced the "Florida Cities of Excellence" Award program to focus on public attention on the countless good things cities do to improve the quality of life in Florida;

WHEREAS, this program will recognize and honor outstanding city leaders and cities for their excellence, innovative programs that provide our citizens with great public service;

WHEREAS, the "City Spirit Award" will be given to a city for a specific, single, city-wide effort that addresses a local need;

WHEREAS, the Fire Rescue Department has proposed the CARE Program (Citizens Assisting in Response to Emergencies) and the LifeQuest Wellness Program. The CARE program has over the past 10 years provided CPR, First Aid, and Advanced Cardiac Life Support training to more than 7000 people -- many of whom are health care providers in the community. The program is funded by small fees paid by the attendees and provides the health care community and citizens with a low-cost method of attaining certification and retraining in these vital skills;

WHEREAS, the LifeQuest Program has dramatically improved city employee health and reductions in benefit claims to create a "win-win" for the community. It has been recognized as a major contributor to our city government receiving the Platinum Well Workplace Award, which represents the pinnacle of results-oriented worksite wellness programming. The Platinum Award is granted to organizations that have previously achieved a Gold Well Workplace designation and are now forging new ground by linking health promotion objectives to business outcomes. The Platinum Award process is by invitation only, and is rigorous in its expectations. Each year, a very limited number of organizations world-class in their approach to worksite wellness, will receive the Platinum Well Workplace Award. Our city's award was also a major factor in our entire community achieving the Gold Well Workplace Award;

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville must submit a nomination and adopt the support resolution by unanimous vote no later than March 15, 2004; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The City of Gainesville hereby expresses its strong and enthusiastic support for the Florida League of Cities, City Spirit Award.

Section 2. The City of Gainesville invites all our citizens to be involved with and support this important initiative.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February 2004.

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THOMAS D. BUSSING, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Kurt M. Lannon, Clerk of the Commission

Approved as to form and legality.

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Marion J. Radson, City Attorney