

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Craig Lowe

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the vision of collaboratively trained professionals, including attorneys, financial advisors, and mental health professionals is to bring a peaceful resolution to family law issues through the use of collaborative law; and

WHEREAS. Collaborative Law is a new way to resolve disputes respectfully - without going to court - while working with trained professionals to help move the divorce or dispute process forward legally, financially, and emotionally; and

WHEREAS. Collaborative Law offers a way to divorce without further disruption and destruction to the family, acknowledging the unique issues divorce creates for children and provides the parties with extra support and brings their voices to the decision-making process; and

WHEREAS, divorcing families benefit from compassion and education in support of peaceful, research-guided solutions that reduce conflict and provide a legacy of cooperation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Lowe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim October 25 - November 1, 2010 as

Collaborative Law Awareness Week

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in this special observance and find out more about this alternative to traditional litigation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 15^{th} day of September, A.D., 2010.



Craig Lowe
Craig Towe
Mayor