## **Gainesville Hospitality Covenant**

HOSPITALITY IS A VALUED AND IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THE SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES OF ALL PEOPLE VISITING or residing in Gainesville, Florida. The hospitality industry—composed of hotels, restaurants, bars, and nightclubs—is a major contributor to the health of the local economy and community.

- Because of the nature of products and services provided as part of hospitality, hosts and guests share a responsibility in protecting the health, safety and well-being of the community. This is especially true regarding the service and consumption of beer, wine, spirits, and other beverages containing alcohol.
- We as hosts, both commercial and social, recognize the importance of responsible hospitality practices and recognize the right of people to choose to drink or not drink beverages containing alcohol. It is for this reason that we have adopted a sense of responsibility in how we serve our guests. By acknowledging the role of moderation, we recognize the distinction between the appropriate and inappropriate use of beverages containing alcohol.

## THEREFORE, WE AGREE TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESPONSIBLE HOSPITALITY PRACTICES WHICH PROMOTE A HEALTHY AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL. WE AGREE TO:

- Provide low-alcohol and alcohol-free beverages, priced competitively with alcoholic beverages, whenever and wherever alcoholic beverages are sold or served.
- Refrain from the use of price promotions or specials on alcohol beverages that encourage overconsumption and intoxication.
- Discourage intoxication, and refuse service to an obviously intoxicated person.
- When possible, provide food when alcoholic beverages are sold or served, and encourage the consumption of these foods.
- Encourage the creation of an atmosphere that facilitates group social interaction among men and women, and provide activities other than drinking.
- Encourage increased awareness of the risks involved with the consumption of beverages containing alcohol related to activities and situations that might result in harm, injury, or death—such as when driving, when pregnant, and when operating machinery.
- Refrain from the illegal use of promotional flyers on utility poles and other public right of ways.
- Provide proper supervision of activities by those who are properly trained to maintain control
  of the environment.
- Encourage responsible drinking by all guests who choose to consume beverage alcohol.
- Comply with all legal obligations for the appropriate service and consumption of beverages containing alcohol, including not permitting service to or consumption by those underage.
- Promote and provide responsible beverage service training to all persons who serve and sell alcoholic beverages.
- Assure the safety of guests and others by encouraging the use of alternative transportation, including a designated driver program or arranging rides with a taxi or friends.

**OWNER/MANAGER** 

NAME OF BUSINESS

DATE