

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Craig Lowe
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on February 23, 1998, the Gainesville City Commission unanimously resolved to invite the cities of Qalqilya, Palestinian National Authority and Kfar Saba, Israel, to establish a three-way sister city relationship with the City of Gainesville; and

WHEREAS, the resolution was hand-delivered to the mayors of Qalqilya and Kfar Saba by Gainesville Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan and a delegation of Gainesville professors and lawyers; and

WHEREAS, reciprocal delegations from Kfar Saba and Qalqilya have come to Gainesville to further explore the possibilities of mutually-beneficial cooperation among the three cities; and

WHEREAS, a delegation from Qalqilya is currently visiting Gainesville to further develop relationships with the medical communities, schools and the municipal governments of both cities; and

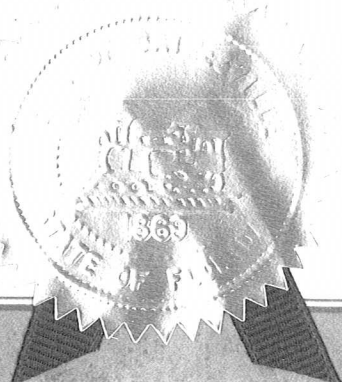
WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville can enjoy significant benefits from its relationship with Qalqilya by providing opportunities for its citizens to share experiences and cooperative projects with people from Qalqilya.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Lowe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim May 19, 2011 as

Qalqilya Sister City Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in welcoming and extending our hospitality to the delegation from Qalqilya.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 27th day of April, A.D., 2011.



Craig Lowe
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Mayor