

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Craig Lowe  
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, mentoring is recognized as a powerful youth development strategy, offering support, guidance and encouragement to help young people achieve their full potential and become productive citizens; and

WHEREAS, effective mentoring programs can help students succeed in school, improve self-esteem and communication skills, and increase chances of pursuing higher education, and in 2002 President George W. Bush proclaimed January as National Mentoring Month to draw attention to the need for more volunteer mentors; and

WHEREAS, the month-long celebration will encourage more individuals, organizations, and City of Gainesville employees to become a part of the mentoring movement; and

WHEREAS, on this day the City recognizes mentors, parents and guardians, and donors involved in local mentoring programs and affirms its commitment to students; and

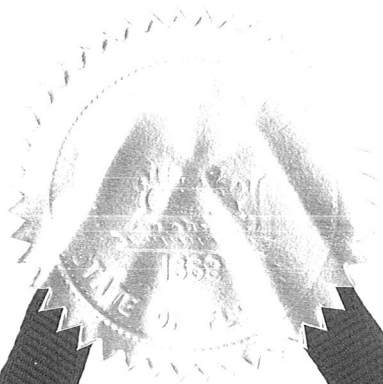
WHEREAS, we honor the Gainesville Enrichment Mentoring Program and Take Stock in Children for making the future brighter for our young people.

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

## *Mentoring Awareness Month*

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in dedicating ourselves toward fulfilling the intent and spirit of this law.

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



Craig Lowe  
Mayor