

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Thomas D. Bussing

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the voices of our nation's victims have had a powerful effect in changing laws, policies and attitudes to promote a victims' rights and services, and encouraging every person in America to take a stand and help crime victims; and

WHEREAS, America's victims rights providers and advocates have had a dramatic impact in educating our nation about the devastating effects of crime and victimization, and the need to provide support and services to individuals and communities hurt by crime; and

WHEREAS, important partnerships have been formed among criminal and juvenile justice agencies, allied professionals, victim services, and the private sector to ensure that crime victims are treated with the dignity and respect they deserve; and

WHEREAS, our nation's commitment to crime victim assistance has over 10,000 system and community based programs in place to provide help and hope to victims of crime; and

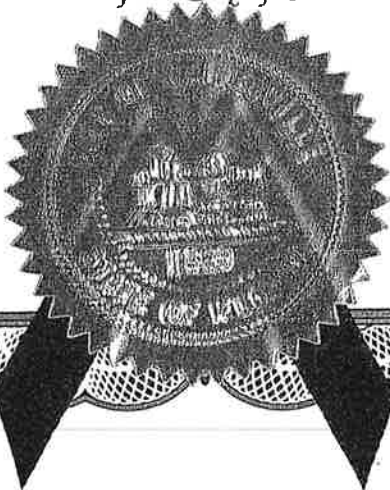
WHEREAS, the events of September 11, 2001 have underscored the importance of immediate and long-term services for victims of crime and their survivors.


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas D. Bussing, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim April 22-28, 2002 as

CRIME VICTIMS RIGHTS WEEK

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in celebrating victim's voices as an important chorus for fairness and dignity; and be it further resolved, that we will continue to strive for justice and compassion for crime victims as individuals, as communities, and as a nation dedicated to justice for all.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 19th day of February, A.D., 2002.




Thomas D. Bussing
Mayor