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# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Edward B. Braddy  
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the mission of the March of Dimes is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 10 babies in the nation is born premature and premature birth is the number one cause of death in children under the age of five; and

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes was founded by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1938 to fight polio and funded the development of two vaccines - still in use today - that virtually eliminated the crippling disease; and

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes Florida Chapter looks forward to partnering with Mayor Braddy in response to the continued crisis of premature birth; and

WHEREAS, the month of November is recognized as World Prematurity Awareness Month to bring about recognition of this global health crisis and November 17<sup>th</sup> is recognized as World Prematurity Day across the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward B. Braddy, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim November, 2015 as

## *Prematurity Awareness Month*

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in raising awareness on November 17<sup>th</sup> in honor of World Prematurity Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, A.D., 2015.

*Ed B. Braddy*  
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Mayor

