

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Craig Lowe
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Gainesville Sports Commission (GSC) is a not-for-profit organization that strives to promote tourism through sports while creating a positive economic impact on Gainesville and Alachua County; and

WHEREAS, the GSC now helps to create an annual economic impact of about \$12 million for our local economy. Since its inception, more than \$160 million has been generated in direct economic activity from participants and spectators to GSC-hosted and assisted events; and

WHEREAS, Jack Hughes has been a tremendously positive influence in advancing parks, recreation and cultural affairs in the City of Gainesville and Alachua County, and has served as a member and as chair of the Public Recreation and Parks Board for well over a decade promoting the City's facilities as sites for local, state, regional and national sports events; and

WHEREAS, Jack's leadership and personal commitment to advancing parks, recreation and cultural affairs led to the passage of the Wild Spaces Public Places half-cent sales tax initiative passed by the voters in 2008, providing needed funding that upgraded and renovated outdated facilities across the county and helped to create new parks and facilities for all to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, Jack not only has love and compassion for the athletic and recreational aspect of Gainesville and Alachua County, but also is passionate in his love for the natural resources found here and throughout the state, as seen by his plant and wildlife photography; and

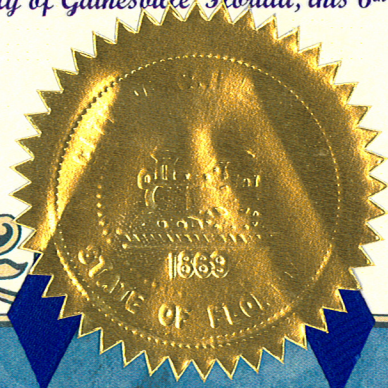
WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville and Alachua County will sorely miss Jack's leadership, vision and passion for improving the quality of life for our citizens while also providing a positive economic impact that supports our community and continues to make the City of Gainesville the place to live and visit in Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Lowe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim March 21, 2013 as

Jack Hughes Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in recognizing Jack Hughes for his tremendous contributions and the legacy he leaves and wish to him the best of luck in his retirement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville Florida, this 6th day of February, C.E., 2013.



Craig Lowe
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Mayor