

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Edward B. Braddy
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our city; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, home fires killed more than 2,755 people in the United States in 2013 according to the latest research from the National Fire Protection Association; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

WHEREAS, three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in properties without working smoke alarms; and

WHEREAS, half of home fire deaths result from fires reported at night between 11 pm and 7 am when most people are asleep; and

WHEREAS, Gainesville's residents should install smoke alarms and alert devices in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of their homes and to meet the needs of people who are vision or hearing impaired; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep. Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm!" effectively reminds us that we need working smoke alarms to give us the time to get out safely.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward B. Braddy, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim October 4-10, 2015 as

Fire Prevention Week

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to install and maintain working smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of their homes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 13th day of August, A.D., 2015.



Edward B. Braddy
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Mayor