

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Edward B. Braddy  
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, over the course of 50 years, millions of at-risk youth have been forever changed by Job Corps' comprehensive residential, academic and career preparation program; and

WHEREAS, the Gainesville Job Corps Center in Gainesville, Florida provides a vital service to our community by serving hundreds of disadvantaged youth between 16 and 24 years of age, inclusive, by providing high school diplomas and career technical education to young men and women, all of whom come from very low income households and are either unemployed or underemployed; and

WHEREAS, in addition to academic and employment training, these Job Corps Centers provide social skills training and other services to empower these young men and women to obtain and hold a job, enroll in advanced training, attend college or enter the Armed Forces to defend the interests of the United States around the world; and

WHEREAS, over 2 million dropouts have received a fully accredited public high school credential, 80% of students earn an industry-recognized vocational credential and 80% of enrollees enter employment; and

WHEREAS, recent studies demonstrate significant economic gain from funds invested in dropout recovery by increasing employment and raising individual earning and tax revenues while simultaneously reducing public expenditures associated with health care, crime and other social services; and

WHEREAS, it is timely and appropriate that the City of Gainesville celebrate Job Corps and its accomplishments in reducing the cycle of poverty, strengthening our local community and improving the quality of thousands of lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward B. Braddy, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim August 18-22, 2014 as

## *Celebrate Job Corps 50 Week*

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in saluting the Gainesville Job Corps Center and the National Job Corps program for 50 years of success and continued success for 50 more years to come.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, A.D., 2014.

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Edward B. Braddy  
Mayor