

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Craig Lowe  
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Social Workers provide professional services to individuals, families, groups and communities to promote self-determination and healing and act as advocates, mediators and brokers for individuals to obtain needed treatment, services and resources; and

WHEREAS, VHA Social Workers promote recovery, self-determination and hope to individuals and families throughout the life cycle and/or continuum of care; they are compassionate professionals focused on empowering people to help themselves through education, informed decision making and self respect; and

WHEREAS, VHA Social Workers are dedicated to improving the human condition at local, national and global levels through advocating for basic rights, protections and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, VHA Social Workers hold themselves to high service delivery standards by following the Social Work Professional Code of Ethics; and

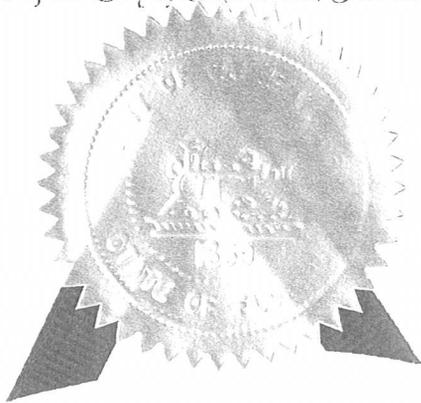
WHEREAS, VHA Social Workers have been partners and participated in the important social movements in the United States and abroad,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Lowe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim March 2011 as

## *Social Work Month*

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me along with the Veterans Health Administration in celebration and support of Social Workers and the Social Work profession.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, A.D., 2011.



*Craig Lowe*  
Mayor