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City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Thomas D. Bussing

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Professional Public Safety Telecommunicator in Gainesville/Alachua County plays a crucial role in the protection of life and property and delivery of Public Safety Services; and

WHEREAS, each day hundreds of Gainesville citizens dial 911 for help in emergencies and the Telecommunicators who answer these calls for help, gathering essential information and dispatching the appropriate assistance, can often make the difference between life and death for persons in need; and

WHEREAS, these well trained, highly dedicated and deeply motivated individuals who serve the citizens twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, often do not receive the recognition due them by the citizens and agencies who depend on them and benefit from their services; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has proclaimed its support and recognition of Telecommunicators and their profession.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas D. Bussing, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim the week of April 14-20, 2002 as

National Telecommunications Week

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in recognizing the crucial role these dedicated men and women play in protection of our lives and property.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 4th day of April, A.D., 2002.

Mayor