

WHEREAS, the Gainesville-Alachua County Cultural Affairs Board Arts Awards recognize those individuals and businesses that have made significant contributions to the advancement of the arts in our community; and

WHEREAS, Annie Pais and Margaret Ross Tolbert have made a significant impact in our community through important, influential and lasting contributions to the arts and culture, through a body of work, over a number of years; and

WHEREAS, Yopp! Inc. is a local business that has made significant contributions to our community by providing hands-on arts and cultural experiences for underserved youth who would not otherwise be afforded the opportunity, and by creating and implementing innovative programs, community festivals and arts-based events; and

WHEREAS, the Gainesville-Alachua County Cultural Affairs Board has awarded Annie Pais and Margaret Ross Tolbert the Lifetime Arts Achievement Award for making significant and sustained contributions to the arts over a number of years; and

WHEREAS, the Gainesville-Alachua County Cultural Affairs Board has awarded Yopp! Inc. the Business Arts Award for providing greater access to the arts for all citizens, particularly underserved youth, and creation of new and innovative arts programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Lowe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim March 1, 2012 as

2011 Arts Awards Recipients Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in expressing appreciation to Annie Pais, Margaret Ross Tolbert and Yopp! Inc., in expressing appreciation for their overall dedication to the arts in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 17th day of January, A.D., 2012.



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