

City of Gainesville, Florida

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Office of Mayor Paula M. DeLaney

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, use of our parks and participation in recreation programs add more balance to life, provide care of latch key children, increase communication skills, build self-esteem, teach vital life skills, and provide safe places to play; and

WHEREAS, the benefits provided by parks and recreation serve to boost the economy, enhance property values, attract new business, increase tourism, reduce crime, diminish gang violence, and curb employee absenteeism; and

WHEREAS, the productive use of leisure builds family unity, strengthens neighborhood involvement, offers opportunity for social interaction, creates a more educated community, develops creativity, and promotes sensitivity to cultural diversity; and

WHEREAS, our parks and trails ensure ecological beauty, provide space to enjoy nature, help maintain clean air and water, and preserve plant and animal wildlife; and

WHEREAS, recreational activities build strong bodies, reduce health care costs, decrease insurance premiums, make people happier, and help residents live longer; and, recreation, therapeutic recreation, and leisure education are essential to the rehabilitation of individuals who have become ill or disabled or who have demonstrated anti-social behavior; and

WHEREAS, July 1999, has been designated as Recreation and Parks Month, and July 11-17, 1999, has been reserved as National Therapeutic Recreation Week by the National Recreation and Park Association and the Florida Recreation and Park Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paula M. DeLaney, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim July 11-17, 1999 as

**RECREATION AND PARKS WEEK and
THERAPEUTIC RECREATION WEEK**

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to recognize all the benefits derived from quality public and private recreation and park resources in our City, and encourage our citizens to participate in the many recreation and parks programs and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 21st day of June, A.D., 1999.



Paula M. DeLaney
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Mayor