## City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Craig Lowe PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the First Youth Environmental Summit was held on Saturday, October 23, 2010 at Westside Park; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the summit was to get young people involved in the Green Movement or become stewards of the environment; and

WHEREAS, the summit was one of the largest gatherings of a community environmental event held in the City of Gainesville; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the summit, youth groups were asked to implement an activity or event that would improve or positively affect our environment; and

WHEREAS, the Academy of Environmental Engineering at Loften High School completed a creek cleanup and planting trees community project; and

WHEREAS, the Gator Chapter NAACP community project promoted taking care of the environment and was completed as they read and shared activities with Caring and Sharing Charter School students; and

WHEREAS, students in Upward Bound Academy at the University of Florida completed their community service project of home energy audit and conservation awareness. They produced a DVD to record their activities; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Ambassadors collected food, socks and vitamins for the homeless; and

WHEREAS, the Eastside High School Pre-Collegiate Club planted an organic garden; and

WHEREAS, the Alachua County NAACP Youth Council held a "Relay/Run for the Environment" for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders at M.K. Rawlings Elementary School in order to raise awareness; and

WHEREAS, summit participants are to be commended for project completion. More importantly, these youth are to be applauded for their dedication in doing their part to protect the earth.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Lowe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim April 21, 2011 as Youth Environmental Summit Day in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in showing appreciation to these youth groups. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 12th day of April, A.D., 2011. Craig Towe Mayor