

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Craig Lowe  
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Gainesville City Commission is concerned about the impact of climate change and the future health and well-being of our planet and believes energy efficiency, natural resource conservation and collective action are important elements in the effort to combat climate change; and

WHEREAS, the City has assumed a leadership role in creating a strategy and taking action to address climate change and is committed to reducing greenhouse emissions; and Earth Hour is both an international and local symbolic event organized by the World Wildlife Fund to raise awareness about climate change issues, and to encourage businesses, individuals and governments to take actions to reduce their carbon emissions and their impact on the environment in their daily lives and operations; and

WHEREAS, Earth Hour asks all citizens, businesses, organizations and government agencies to turn off all non-essential lighting for one hour beginning at 8:30 PM on March 31, 2012 and to encourage citizens and businesses to commit to actions they can take in the coming year to reduce their carbon footprints and conserve energy; and

WHEREAS, cities and states across the country and around the world are joining with the City of Gainesville to raise awareness and demonstrate commitment to addressing climate change by supporting Earth Hour and turning off non-essential lights in public buildings to serve as an example for city-wide energy conservation; and

WHEREAS, non-essential lighting in City Hall and other public City buildings will be extinguished for the hour between 8:30 PM and 9:30 PM on March 31, 2012 to conserve energy and raise awareness about global climate change as part of Earth Hour.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Lowe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim the hour between 8:30 PM and 9:30 PM on Saturday, March 31, 2012 as

*Earth Hour*

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in supporting the aims and goals of this effort to conserve energy and raise awareness about global climate change as part of Earth Hour.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, A.D., 2012.

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Craig Lowe  
Mayor