

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for thousands of citizens in our community through recreation, environmental programming, fun and healthy activities and conservation efforts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville's parks, recreation and cultural programs provide opportunities for young people to live, grow and develop into contributing members of society and generate opportunities for people of all ages and cultures to come together and experience a sense of community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville's parks, recreation facilities, cultural events and nature trails pay dividends to this community by attracting businesses, jobs, families, improving health and increasing property values; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville recognizes the vital contributions of volunteers who keep facilities clean and safe for visitors, organize programs and activities, provide education and information, advocate for more open space and cultural facilities and ensure that all parks, programs and facilities are accessible for citizens to enjoy; and

WHEREAS. The National Recreation and Parks Association has designated July 2011 as Parks and Recreation Month with a "Rock Your Park" theme urging people to get out and ROCK at their city parks and facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Lowe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim July 2011 as

Parks and Recreation Month

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me to celebrate, support and promote this observance and take advantage of the many benefits our parks, recreation and cultural programs provide to everyone and get out and Rock at Your Favorite Park.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this ninth day of June, A.D., 2011.



Craig Lowe Mayor