

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Edward B. Braddy
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Doris E. Edwards was born in Gainesville, Florida, and has been married to William Edwards, Jr. for 44 years. They have two sons, one daughter, four grandchildren and several great grandchildren. Mrs. Edwards received her education from Williams Elementary and Lincoln High School. She attended Santa Fe College and Bethune Cookman University; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Edwards retired in June 2003 after 37 years from the University of Florida's Office of Information Technology Telecommunications ; and

WHEREAS, believing that communication and participation are key factors to progress, Mrs. Edwards disseminates notices of meetings and events to a broad list of residents. She is a Community Activist, who advocates for safe, clean and beautiful neighborhoods. Mrs. Edwards speaks to neighborhood groups encouraging them to organize crime watch committees that include the youth; and

WHEREAS, each year Mrs. Edwards champions community youth projects that allow youth to have new, positive experiences, by taking them to UF basketball games, museums, on ski trips to Sugar Mountain in North Carolina and the State Capitol to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Edwards led a successful charge to keep a Federal Halfway House from opening in Southeast Gainesville in close proximity to neighborhoods, day care centers and middle and elementary schools; and

WHEREAS, volunteering on diverse committees is a rewarding character building experience for Mrs. Edwards. She is the Chair of the Lincoln Estates Neighborhood Watch Committee, she serves on the Mayor's Community Response Council, Black on Black Crime Task Force, Rosa Parks Quiet Courage Committee, Mickle Pool Committee and District A Council Neighborhood Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Edwards brought honor to the Lincoln Estates Neighborhood and East Gainesville by showcasing an 18 Block Captains Neighborhood Beautification project. Her organizational skills and teamwork were featured in the 2007 publication of Southern Living, a national magazine; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Edwards was nominated and received numerous awards and commendations. One of her proud moments is when she was a Special Guest of the First Lady Michelle Obama in 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward B. Braddy, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim April 21, 2016 as

Mrs. Doris E. Edwards Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in honoring her and thanking her for carrying out her mission to learn all she can and utilize that knowledge to help others improve their quality of life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 13th day of April, A.D., 2016.

Edward B. Braddy
Mayor