

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Thomas D. Bussing

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is the oldest, largest and strongest civil rights organization in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the NAACP is a national organization of more than 2,200 branches, including the Alachua County Branch, covering all 50 states; and

WHEREAS, the principal objective of the NAACP is to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of minority citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the NAACP is committed to this achievement through non-violence and relies upon the petition, the ballot and the courts, and is persistent in the use of legal and moral persuasion; and

WHEREAS, for 92 years, the NAACP, through political pressure, marches, demonstrations and effective lobbying, has served as the voice, as well as the shield of minority Americans; and

WHEREAS, today, after years of unrelenting struggle, the NAACP reaffirms its commitment to the true American Dream of an integrated society rich in diversity and open equality for all.

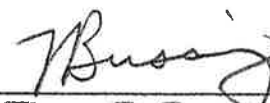
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas D. Bussing, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim December 1, 2001 as

NAACP DAY

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in participating in activities supporting this effort and to join with us in celebrating the racial and cultural diversity of our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 16th day of November, A.D., 2001.




Thomas D. Bussing
Mayor