

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Edward B. Braddy
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Honeybees are disappearing at an alarming rate from unknown causes; and

WHEREAS, Honeybees account for over 2/3 of the foods we eat today due to their pollination of fruits, vegetables and nuts; and

WHEREAS, Honeybees are estimated to contribute over \$20 billion in pollination services each year; and

WHEREAS, The North Central Florida Beekeepers Association was formed to educate the public, new beekeepers and insure the future of beekeeping by placing an importance on getting more young people involved in beekeeping as hobbyists; and

WHEREAS, The North Central Florida Beekeepers Association strives to work with local officials, firefighters, police and other safety personnel to make the public aware of Africanized Honey Bees (AHB) and how to work with them safely when they move into our area.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward B. Braddy, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim August 17, 2013 as

National Honeybees Awareness Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in working with The North Central Florida Beekeepers Association in bringing awareness to the public.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 10th day of July, A.D., 2013.



Ed B. Braddy
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Mayor