

A Resolution of the City of Gainesville, Florida, recognizing the Alachua Regional Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC) in need for recurring state funding.

WHEREAS, the Alachua Regional Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC) has been on a fulfilling mission to maintain safer communities, and

WHEREAS, JAC serves Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Putnam, Suwannee, and Union counties, and

WHEREAS, JAC provides effective interventions through assessments, referrals and detention screening services, and

WHEREAS, JAC provides the juvenile justice system, especially the courts and juvenile probation officers, with means to quickly identify juveniles who have problems that can be corrected through early intervention before serious patterns of delinquent behavior are established, and

WHEREAS, JAC is a "one stop shop" for arrested juveniles, with on-site case managers to screen juveniles for substance abuse and mental health issues and suicidal tendencies, and

WHEREAS, the center's assessment of juveniles enables case managers to immediately identify needs of the youth and their family, and

WHEREAS, JAC is quickly becoming a hub for juvenile justice with data on the type of arrest, age, gender and race of the youth, school information, information on arresting law enforcement agencies and etc., and

WHEREAS, JAC stands alone, and not within a detention center or jail, and

WHEREAS, security staffing is critical for JAC in order to ensure the safety of clients and staff, as well as to provide booking services and secure transport/escort of detained juveniles to the Juvenile Detention Center, and

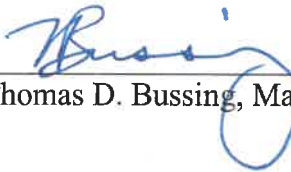
WHEREAS, without the continued financial support for security operations, the JAC will no longer be able to provide the services that the communities have come to expect.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA:**


Section 1. The Gainesville City Commission wholeheartedly supports any effort by Florida Legislature and the Governor to provide appropriate funding for the Alachua Regional Juvenile Assessment Center.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.


Passed and adopted this 24 day of March, 2003.


Thomas D. Bussing, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kurt M. Lannon, Jr.
Clerk of the Commission

Approved as to form and legality:


Marion J. Radson
City Attorney