

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Edward B. Braddy
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Gainesville-Alachua County Art in Public Places Trust Public Art Award has been created to recognize those artists, art sponsors, other individuals and entities who have made significant contributions to the enhancement of the greater environment through public art; and

WHEREAS, Richard Heipp is probably the most prolific and well-known public artist in our region, having completed 18 public art commissions in Florida since 1989, including three in Gainesville. Most notably, the pieces in Gainesville City Hall in 1999 and the recent Police Headquarters piece in 2014, as well as three works in the University of Florida's (UF) collections, two on the main campus and one in Apopka at an IFAS facility; and

WHEREAS, Richard Heipp is respected and admired as a practicing artist in addition to his major leadership role as an arts educator at the University of Florida, where he currently serves as director of the College of the Arts, School of Art and Art History. He has taught painting at UF for 35 years as well as inaugurated the first course in public art offered for students; and

WHEREAS, Richard Heipp's artwork appeals to people of all ages, and its very direct and graphic style is especially readable and understandable to children; and

WHEREAS, Richard Heipp is a dynamic, very active participant in anything arts-related, and a true leader for the University of Florida, Gainesville and Alachua County.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward B. Braddy, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim March 5, 2015 as

Richard Heipp Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in recognizing him and expressing our appreciation for his overall dedication to the arts in 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 10th day of January, A.D., 2015.



Edward B. Braddy
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Mayor