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# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Craig Lowe  
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *Howard Douglas Stapp, III began his tenure with the City of Gainesville on January 14, 1980; and*

*WHEREAS, he began his employment in January of 1980 with Gainesville Gas Company as a Senior Helper. In September of 1983 he became the Corrosion Technician and performed the annual leak surveys. On December 26, 1989 Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU) initiated the purchase of Gainesville Gas Company and Howard remained in his current position. In 1999, he was promoted to the Training Liaison position and was heavily involved in regulatory compliance. During this time, he also served as the Interim Safety Training Coordinator for approximately a year. Howard's diligent efforts have made him a valuable asset to GRU's Gas Transmission and Distribution Division and his presence will be missed; and*

*WHEREAS, upon his retirement on March 31, 2013, Howard Stapp, III will have faithfully served the citizens of Gainesville and GRU customers for 33 years; and*

*WHEREAS, Howard has practiced an excellent commitment and offered a superior standard of work to the customers he has serviced. He has always performed the tasks that were given to him with dedication and attention to detail, and demonstrated a positive attitude toward his co-workers and customers and has been a reliable, punctual and loyal employee throughout his career with the City; and*

*WHEREAS, his love for his family, his fellow employees and his friendly, helpful presence will be remembered and missed by his co-workers.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Lowe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim March 31, 2013 as*

## ***Howard Douglas Stapp, III Day***

*in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in celebrating the life of Howard Douglas Stapp III.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, C.E., 2013.*

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*Craig Lowe  
Mayor*