

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Craig Lowe  
PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every community member of Gainesville; and*

*WHEREAS, rape, sexual assault and sexual harassment impact our community as seen by statistics indicating that one in five women and one in 71 men will be raped at some point in their lives (Black et al., 2011); and*

*WHEREAS, child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that one in six boys and one in four girls will experience a sexual assault before the age 18 (Dube et al., 2005); and*

*WHEREAS, we must work together to educate our community about sexual violence prevention, supporting survivors and speaking out against harmful attitudes and actions; and*

*WHEREAS, with leadership, dedication and encouragement, there is evidence that we can be successful in preventing sexual violence in Gainesville through increased education, awareness and community involvement; and*

*WHEREAS, Gainesville strongly supports the efforts of national, state and local partners, and of every citizen, to actively engage in public and private efforts to prevent sexual violence.*

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

## *Sexual Assault Awareness Month*

*in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me, advocates and communities across the country in playing an active role to prevent sexual violence.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, C.E., 2013.*



*Craig Lowe*  
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Craig Lowe  
Mayor