

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Craig Lowe
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, nationwide, there has been an increase over the past decade in the number of recreational waterborne illness cases reported, including outbreaks of the potentially dangerous bacteria Cryptosporidium (or Crypto for short), which can cause the closure of swimming pools, hot tubs and other water bodies, and create serious illness, especially among children; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville is tremendously proud of its healthy and safe swimming facilities and aquatic programs and their contribution to providing a safe and healthy place to participate in recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, to maintain the health and safety of all of our population throughout the City of Gainesville, staff has developed and implemented quality control programs, policies and procedures designed to ensure the safety and well-being of participants and their health at city aquatic facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville strives to ensure that all of our aquatic facilities meet and/or exceed local, state and federal water quality standards for public swimming pools; and

WHEREAS, awareness of recreational waterborne illnesses and healthy swimming behaviors play an important role in stopping the transmission of disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Lowe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim May 19-25, 2013 as

National Recreational Water Illness Prevention Week

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in participating in National Recreational Waterborne Illness Week through the practice of good hygiene, showering before entering pools or other public bathing places, and washing your hands more frequently to reduce the spread of germs.

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



Craig Lowe

Craig Lowe
Mayor