

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Edward B. Braddy  
PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, there are close to 40,000 suicides nationwide annually. During 2012 in Florida, there were 2,922 reported suicides and in Alachua County, there were 35 reported suicides; and*

*WHEREAS, suicide ranks 8<sup>th</sup> as the leading cause of death and 3<sup>rd</sup> as the cause of death among young (15-24 year old) Americans; and*

*WHEREAS, it is generally estimated that there are at least 8 to 25 attempts for each death by suicide; and*

*WHEREAS, suicide is one of the most disruptive and tragic events a family and a community can experience and the associated stigma further traumatizes those people who lose a loved one by suicide, thus they are called "survivors"; and*

*WHEREAS, National Suicide Survivor Day is November 23, 2013.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward B. Braddy, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim November 14, 2013 as*

## *Survivors of Suicide Memory Garden Dedication Day*

*in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in remembering the lives lost by suicide and supporting the surviving families at Cofrin Nature Park,*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, A.D., 2013.*



*Edward B. Braddy*  
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Edward B. Braddy  
Mayor