

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Craig Lowe
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Mr. William Bundu Claye was born on June 13, 1991 to parents William Claye, Sr. and Saffie Tunis in Phoenix, Arizona where he would go on to become a star athlete and a two-time state Champion in Track and Field; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Claye was one of the most highly sought after college recruits in the country. He would eventually decide to take his talents to the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Claye would not only become a great athlete on the track and a dedicated student in the classroom at the university; but he would willingly and eagerly immerse himself into the Gainesville community. He epitomized the term "Student/Athlete;" and

WHEREAS, Mr. Claye would go on to have great success at the University of Florida and in 2011, he was named National Men's Field Athlete of the Year by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. After his junior year, he would decide to forego his senior year of college eligibility in order to turn pro and focus on preparing to make the 2012 USA Olympic Team; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Claye would not only make the 2012 USA Olympic Team, but he would go on to win a Silver Medal in the Triple Jump and a Bronze Medal in the Long Jump at the 2012 London Olympic Games. He became the first athlete to win medals in both events since the 1936 Games and the first American athlete to do so since the 1904 Games, making him only the third athlete to accomplish this feat.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Lowe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim October 4, 2012 as

Will Claye Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in extending Mr. Claye congratulations for his historic accomplishments and our best wishes for continued success in all his future endeavors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 18th day of September, C.E., 2012.



Craig Lowe

Craig Lowe
Mayor