

Office of Mayor Craig Lowe PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Dr. William Eyerly has been Executive Director for the Gainesville Association for the Creative Arts for eight years, as well as Performing Arts Director and Cofrin Arts Center Manager at Oak Hall School for nearly five years; and

WHEREAS, since 1993, Dr. Eyerly has been extremely active in the Gainesville and Alachua County arts community, serving for 10 years on the board of the Gainesville Community Theatre, as well as serving as Chair of the Acrosstown Repertory Theatre from 2001 until 2007. He also served on the Board of Directors for the Arts Association of Alachua County; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, Dr. Eyerly became Program Director for the Gainesville Association for the Creative Arts and orchestrated a substantial expansion of programs in school arts to several area Title One schools, including Caring & Sharing Learning School, Alachua Learning Center and the Duval Fine Arts Academy. Afterschool programming was also expanded to include additional sites offering children on free and reduced lunch scholarships so that more children would have access to art classes taught by Florida artists; and

WHEREAS. Dr. Eyerly has begun work on securing a permanent endowment for the scholarship fund as well as seeking funds for an "Arts Bus" that could be used by the Gainesville Association for the Creative Arts and shared with other arts organizations to bring children who lack adequate transportation to free arts classes and performances; and

WHEREAS, the Gainesville Alachua County Cultural Affairs Board has awarded Dr. William Eyerly its 2010 Annual Arts Award.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Lowe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim February 17, 2011 as

Dr. William Eyerly Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in honoring Dr. Eyerly for his contributions to the youth and citizens of Gainesville and Alachua County.

TN 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 January, A.D., 2011.



