

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is a vital public service provided by Gainesville Fire Rescue (GFR); and

WHEREAS, the members of GFR and its EMS partners are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, rapid access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, the GFR EMS partners include emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators and others; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and in teaching others to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward B. Braddy, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim May 18-24, 2014 as

Emergency Medical Bervices Week

With the theme, EMS: Dedicated. For Tife; and I encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 5th day of May, A.D., 2014.



Edward B. Braddy

Mayor