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# City of Gainesville, Florida

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Office of Mayor Paula M. DeLaney

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, through its Constitution, is a Patriotic Order; and

WHEREAS, the Order promotes the ideals that the citizens of this nation live in freedom, won through the great sacrifice and many tribulations which have provided the foundation for a free, prosperous and independent life; and

WHEREAS, we realize that each generation must work to maintain this freedom, otherwise, through carelessness or indifference, the rights and liberties enjoyed may vanish; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to recognize this freedom and to honor the nation which provides it.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paula M. DeLaney, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim February 21 - 25, 2000 as

## NATIONAL PATRIOTISM WEEK

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in expressing gratitude for the privilege of American citizenship with appropriate celebrations and observances.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 19th day of January, A.D., 2000.



*Paula M. DeLaney*

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Mayor