

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Edward B. Braddy  
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, parks, recreation and cultural affairs programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the City of Gainesville; and

WHEREAS, our parks, recreation and cultural affairs services are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all citizens and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of a community and region; and

WHEREAS, parks, recreation and cultural affairs programs build vibrant, healthy and active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled and also improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, parks, recreation and cultural affairs programs increase a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and

WHEREAS, Gainesville, Florida recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward B. Braddy, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim July, 2015 as

## *Parks, Recreation and Cultural Month*

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me to celebrate, support and promote this observance and take advantage of the many benefits our parks, recreation and cultural programs and facilities provide.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, A.D., 2015.



*Ed B. Braddy*  
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Mayor