

WHEREAS, for the past several years the National Coalition for the Homeless and National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness have sponsored National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the proclamation is to educate the public about the many reasons people are hungry and homeless including the shortage of affordable housing in Alachua County, Florida for very low income residents; and to encourage support for homeless assistance service providers as well as community service opportunities for students and school service organizations; and

WHEREAS, there are many organizations committed to sheltering, providing supportive services as well as meals and food supplies to the homeless including GRACE Marketplace, the North Central Florida Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry and its member agencies; and

WHEREAS, the theme of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week 2014 is "Resolve to Fight Poverty," and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville, Florida recognizes that hunger and homelessness continues to be a serious problem for many individuals and families in Gainesville; and

WHEREAS, the intent of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is consistent with the activities of GRACE Marketplace, the North Central Florida Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry and its member agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward B. Braddy, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim November 15-25, 2014 as

National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in recognizing that many people do not have housing and need support from citizens, and private/public nonprofit service entities.

AN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 16th day of September, A.D., 2014.

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Mayor