

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Edward B. Braddy
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the United Nations (UN) was founded in 1945 and the anniversary of the day on which the UN Charter came into force is observed each year on October 24th; and

WHEREAS, 2015 is the 70th Anniversary of the United Nations founding; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations through its many organs and agencies, promotes peace and security, development, democracy, economic prosperity, global health and human rights around the world and is vital now more than ever; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations has worked to achieve the Millennium Development Goals, by providing a common development strategy for the international community, improving coordination, coherence and effectiveness within the UN system, the donor community and developing countries; and

WHEREAS, the Goals address universal issues from poverty and access to education, to improving healthcare and environmental sustainability; and while the Goals have been largely achieved, they expire in 2015 and will be replaced by the Sustainable Development Goals, planned to last until 2030; and

WHEREAS, the United States has a long tradition of leading international efforts to improve health, education and economic growth in developing countries; and has shown its commitment to the Millennium Development Goals through foreign assistance, progressive trade initiatives and debt relief measures; and

WHEREAS, polls taken in the last three years consistently show that over 80% of American voters believe that the UN is an important global forum and an organization in which the U.S. needs to maintain an active role; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations Association of the USA, Gainesville Chapter, is committed to educating and mobilizing our local communities to build a stronger network of citizens and leaders to create a more prosperous, just and sustainable world; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations Association of the USA, Gainesville Chapter, has declared "The United Nations at 70: Past, Present and Future" as its theme for the 2015 United Nations Day commemoration; and

WHEREAS, Masuma Downie has been appointed Chair of the UN Day Committee in Gainesville to work with local UNA-USA members and community leaders to organize events and activities in celebration of UN Day and to educate citizens about the UN's work.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward B. Braddy, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim October 22, 2015 as

United Nations Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in participating in all activities related to UN Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 8th day of September, A.D., 2015.



Edward B. Braddy
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Mayor