

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Edward B. Braddy  
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for thousands of citizens in our community through recreation, art and nature programs, fun and healthy activities and conservation efforts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville's parks, recreation and cultural programs provide opportunities for young people to live, grow and develop into contributing members of society and generate opportunities for people of all ages and cultures to come together and experience a sense of community; and

WHEREAS, the Department received national accreditation from the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) in 2013, an achievement reaffirming the Department's mission to provide and maintain the natural, recreational and cultural facilities and programs that make Gainesville a great place to live, work and visit, which contributes to sustaining the City economically, socially and environmentally; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville recognizes the vital contributions of volunteers who organize programs and activities, provide education and information, advocate for more open space, recreation and cultural facilities and opportunities and ensure that all parks, programs and facilities are accessible for all citizens to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, every year since 1985, the National Recreation and Parks Association has designated July as National Parks and Recreation Month with an "OUT is IN" theme, urging people to go OUTside, get INspired, change their OUTlook and get INVolved in their community through parks, recreation and cultural activities.

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

## *Parks, Recreation and Culture 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, by sharing with others how you are getting OUT with IN our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, A.D., 2014.



*Edward B. Braddy*  
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Mayor