

# City of Gainesville, Florida

## Office of Mayor Craig Lowe PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, it is timely to bring recognition to the value and accomplishments of such a dedicated employee, Gene G. Francis, who began his career with the City of Gainesville on October 19, 1977, and has served faithfully for 35 years; and*

*WHEREAS, Gene spent his entire career as a Planner with the Planning Department where he has provided training and guidance to the Technical Review Committee as well as processed a vast amount of development applications, such as site plans, subdivisions, special use permits and planned developments; completed special planning projects, such as the water garden/fish pond in front of City Hall; and*

*WHEREAS, Gene was instrumental in the review and approval of numerous signature development projects such as the Van York Theatre, Shands Cancer Hospital, UF Innovation Hub, Hampton Inn Downtown, Gainesville Senior Recreation Center and many other projects that have won City Beautification Board Awards; and*

*WHEREAS, for the past 35 years of his career with the City, Gene has been a cornerstone of the Planning Department and proved to be a valuable and esteemed resource to City Departments and individuals throughout the course of his career, and most importantly, he has been a supportive and enjoyable employee that is respected for his love of family, trees and the Florida Gators; and*

*WHEREAS, the City Commission and citizens of Gainesville would like to express their appreciation to Gene Francis for his 35 years of dedicated service to the City of Gainesville.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Lowe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim October 18, 2012 as*

## **Gene Francis Day**

*in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in congratulating Gene on his outstanding career with the City and wishing him happiness in his retirement and continued success in all his future endeavors.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, C.E., 2012.*



*Craig Lowe*  
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Craig Lowe  
Mayor