

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Craig Lowe  
PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, community support for local restaurants and caterers who purchase food from local farmers creates local jobs and keeps our dollars within our community, greatly increasing our prosperity, resilience and solidarity; and*

*WHEREAS, Blue Oven Kitchens and Forage – both local non-profits – have created the Farm-to-Restaurant Initiative to educate our farmers, foodservice professionals and community at-large about the importance of supporting our local food system; and*

*WHEREAS, the more our community expresses its interest in local food to restaurants and caterers by asking if ingredients are local, and votes with its dollars by selecting menu items that include local ingredients, the more local foodservice venues will support our farmers; and*

*WHEREAS, Blue Oven Kitchens is asking our community to attend its August fundraising events in conjunction with the Farm-to-Restaurant Initiative that will support its work towards the sustainable growth of our local food system and its most immediate fundraising goal: to raise enough money to open a commercial kitchen facility that will be available for cooking and nutrition classes, and for food entrepreneurs to bring their products to market to enhance the health and variety of our food supply.*

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

## ***Farm-to-Restaurant Month***

*in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in supporting Blue Oven Kitchens this August to do our part to create an educational and food processing facility that is greatly needed by our local food system and 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, A.D., 2012.*



*Craig Lowe*

Craig Lowe  
Mayor