

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Craig Lowe  
PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, hundreds of dedicated and selfless firefighters in our state provide vital and lifesaving services to the citizens of their communities; and*

*WHEREAS, at a moment's notice, these men and women risk their lives by subduing fires and rescuing those trapped in infernos, as well as saving citizens from emergencies that could have been deadly situations; and*

*WHEREAS, firefighters contribute significantly to the continued well-being of Gainesville through their outstanding commitment to community service. Their sense of duty and responsibility is evidenced by their hundreds of volunteer hours in annual boot drives to collect funds to fight Muscular Dystrophy; and*

*WHEREAS, for the past 50 years, firefighters throughout Gainesville and the nation have worked to eradicate the muscular dystrophies, such as Lou Gehrig's disease, Duchenne's and other neuromuscular diseases; and*

*WHEREAS, many of the Gainesville citizens have benefited from the funds raised by firefighters in the "Fill-the-Boot" Campaign, and these public servants make invaluable contributions to our city in all the tasks they perform.*

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

## ***Muscular Dystrophy Association Firefighter Appreciation Month***

*in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in honoring and thanking those who give so freely of their valuable time, energy and abilities.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, C.E., 2012.*



Craig Lowe  
Mayor