

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 programs and cultural events 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 City of Gainesville's parks, recreation and cultural programs pay dividends to this community by attracting businesses, jobs and families, improving health and increasing property values; 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 facilities and cultural events to ensure that all parks, programs and facilities are accessible for all citizens to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, The National Recreation and Parks Association has designated July 2013 as National Parks and Recreation Month. Joining in with their theme, the City of Gainesville's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department will promote "I Love My Parks, Recreation and Culture" urging citizens to share and celebrate the parks, programs and facilities or events with friends and family.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward B. Braddy, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim July 2013 as

Parks and Recreation 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 provide to everyone and share what you love about Your Favorite Park, Activity or Event.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 10th day of June, C.E., 2013.

Edward B. Braddy Mayor