

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Edward B. Braddy
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the month of October has been recognized as National Arts and Humanities Month by thousands of arts and cultural organizations, communities and states across the country, as well as by the White House and Congress for more than two decades; and

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities embody much of the accumulated wisdom, intellect and imagination of humankind; and

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities challenge and encourage us to envision new horizons and embrace the unique qualities each person has to offer; and

WHEREAS, the City's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department entertains over 200,000 attendees and makes significant annual contributions to the cultural life of the region by presenting the Downtown Festival and Arts Show (now ranked 10th in the nation), the Hoggetowne Medieval Faire, over 35 concerts and events at our vibrant downtown's Bo Diddley Community Plaza, as well as over a dozen original art exhibitions and over 60 concerts and recitals in the historic Thomas Center; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville is rich in the number of artists who annually produce extraordinary and profound works of literature, theater, dance, fine art and music; and

WHEREAS, the non-profit arts industry also represents a pillar in the foundation for the City of Gainesville's and Alachua County's economic infrastructure, generating \$85.5 million in direct and indirect spending, supporting 2,344 full-time equivalent jobs and delivering \$7.3 million in local and state revenue.

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

Arts and Humanities Month

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in celebrating and promoting the cultural arts in our community and throughout our nation and to specifically encourage greater participation by our citizens in the many opportunities we have to lift the human spirit through the arts and humanities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 18th day of September, A.D., 2013.



Ed B. Braddy

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Mayor