



Office of Mayor Edward B. Braddy PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and central to how we meet our challenges; and

WHEREAS, the nation's mayors are increasingly turning to national service and volunteerism as an innovative strategy to meet city needs and strengthen community impact; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps addresses the most pressing challenges facing our cities and nation, from educating students for the jobs of the 21st century and providing affordable housing to preserving the environment and helping to prevent hunger; and

WHEREAS, national service expands economic opportunity by creating more sustainable, resilient communities and providing education, career skills and leadership abilities as well as, increases the impact of the organizations engaged in national service projects; and

WHEREAS, national service participants serve in more than 70,000 locations across the country, bolstering the civic, neighborhood and faith-based organizations that are vital to our economic and social well-being and AmeriCorps members demonstrate commitment, dedication and patriotism by making an intensive commitment to service, a commitment that remains with them in their future endeavors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward B. Braddy, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim April 1, 2014 as

National Service Recognition Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me and encourage residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in our city, to thank those who serve and to find ways to give back to their communities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 3rd day of March, A.D., 2014.

Edward B. Braddy

Mayor

