



Office of Mayor Edward B. Braddy PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Jocal Children's Week activities are coordinated by the Early Jearning Coalition of Alachua County (EJCAC), whose contracted providers and the children served by the EJCAC have made handprint artwork to be sent to Tallahassee to hang in the capitol rotunda April 6-11; and

WHEREAS, the 19th Annual Children's Week celebrating "Parents and Children" will take place in Tallahassee from April 6, 2014 to April 11, 2014, bringing thousands of parents, children, professionals, policy makers, community leaders and concerned citizens together to share valuable knowledge and information about children's issues across the state and in our capitol city; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Children's Week is to create a shared vision of the State of Florida's commitment to its children and families and to engage a long-term process to develop and implement strategies for moving the shared vision forward; and

WHEREAS, Children's Week has teamed up with over 80 leading statewide businesses and non-profit organizations, including the Early Learning Coalition of Alachua County and hundreds of local organizations to expand the network of community involvement and education on a wide array of children and family issues at the local level and conduct events and activities in February, March and April in all 67 counties focused on improving the health, safety and well-being of Florida's children and families; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of local municipalities have officially proclaimed "Children's Week" and hosted public events and activities for parents and children in their community. The Child Abuse Prevention Taskforce will host Celebrate the Child April 5th, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM at the Alachua County Tibrary Headquarters.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward B. Braddy, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim April 6-11, 2014 as

## Children's Week

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me on Saturday, April 5, 2014.

AN WHONESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 12th day of February, A.D., 2014.



Edward B. Braddy

Mayor