

WHEREAS, the professional Public Safety Telecommunicator in Alachua County plays a crucial role in the protection of life, property and delivery of Public Safety Services; and

WHEREAS, each day hundreds of Gainesville citizens dial 9-1-1 for help in emergencies, and the Telecommunicators who answer these calls for help, gathering essential information and dispatching the appropriate assistance can often make the difference between life and death for persons in need; and

WHEREAS, these well trained, highly dedicated and deeply motivated individuals serve the citizens of Gainesville, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week and during extreme situations, such as hurricanes, are unable to be with their families to protect their own personal homes and property; and

WHEREAS, these Telecommunicators often go unrecognized and are proud to receive community recognition by the citizens and agencies who depend on them and benefit from their services; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has proclaimed its' support and recognition to these employees and their profession, and the City Commission wishes to publicly recognize the local Telecommunicators who serve the citizens of Gainesville in such a professional manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward B. Braddy, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim April 13 - 19, 2014 as

National Public Safety Telecommunications Week

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in recognizing our Telecommunicators.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 5th day of March, A.D., 2014.

Edward B. Braddy

Mayor