

WHEREAS, Phalanx Defense Systems is an advanced manufacturing company whose roots are planted in the City of Gainesville; and

WHEREAS, Phalanx Defense Systems is committed to creating above average wage jobs that increase the quality of life for its employees including some of the areas most challenged residents; and

WHEREAS, Phalanx Defense Systems designs and manufacturers armor systems that will save the lives of people worldwide through their innovative systems including a unique carbon nanotube body armor system which allows their products to be highly effective but much lighter than other armor; and

WHEREAS, the life of Officer David B. Hakim, team leader for the DuPage Sheriff's Special Operations Jeam in DuPage County, Illinois, US Army Combat Veteran and US Marshall, was saved in the line of duty while wearing a Phalanx designed and manufactured armor system; and

WHEREAS, Phalanx is proud to call the City of Gainesville home to their business.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward B. Braddy, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim March 19, 2015 as

## Phalanx Defense Systems Day: Saving Lives Matters

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in saluting Phalanx Defense Systems and their team for work they do every day to save lives.

AN WHONESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, A.D., 2015.

Edward B. Braddy

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Mayor