City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Edward B. Braddy PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, July 23, 2015, marks the 25^{th} anniversary of the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the theme is "Faces of the ADA:" and

WHEREAS, the ADA states as its purpose to provide "a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities;" and

WHEREAS, City policy prohibits discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodation and credit against persons because of a disability; and

WHEREAS, we encourage all citizens of Gainesville to become more familiar with this important piece of civil rights legislation and challenge perceptions and beliefs about disabilities and make a commitment to carrying out the mandates of the ADA; and

WHEREAS, we encourage both private and public sector organizations and individuals to join us on July 23, 2015 at the Gainesville/Alachua County Senior Center, to participate in the 2015 ADA Disability Awareness Training & Expo; and

WHEREAS, on this day the City affirms its commitment to ensuring that all of its services, programs and activities are accessible to all qualified persons.

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

Americans with Disabilities Act Awareness Month

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in dedicating ourselves toward fulfilling the intent and spirit of this law.

IN WIFNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 6th day of July, A.D., 2015.

Edward B. Braddy Mayor