

WHEREAS, each and every school day, Gainesville Police Department (GPD) School Crossing Guards spend countless hours assisting our children cross busy intersections as they arrive and depart from school; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville places a top priority on child safety issues and awareness that plays a critical role in ensuring the safety of our children; and

WHEREAS, School Crossing Guards often encounter adversarial, dangerous and sometimes hostile attitudes during the performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that School Crossing Guards provide an invaluable service to our community and receive little recognition or compensation for their tireless efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Florida has proclaimed the first Friday of every February to be School Crossing Guard Appreciation Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward B. Braddy, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim February 5, 2016 as

## School Grossing Guard Appreciation Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in recognizing these individuals for their commitment to the safety of our children.

AN WHTNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 18th day of December, A.D., 2015.

Edward B. Braddy

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Mayor