



Office of Mayor Edward B. Braddy PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Oeterans are an integral part of a strong community in both the City of Gainesville and Alachua County due to their skills and experiences, which exemplify commitment to excellence and responsibility; and

WHEREAS, the dexterity and competency of Veterans place them a step ahead of the standard set by society; and

WHEREAS, the stability and prosperity of Student Veterans are an important matter in both the City of Gainesville and Alachua County: and

WHEREAS, communicating support, benefits and services to Student Veterans requires input and advocacy from government leaders, members of the community and local business leaders; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville and the "Bet on Vets!" Campaign created by the University of Florida's Public Relations Student Society of America's Bateman National Case Study Competition Team and the University of Florida's Department of Public Relations within the College of Journalism and Communications recognize the importance and value of Student Veterans in the Gainesville Community and are dedicated to upholding campus, community and business relations with Student Veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward B. Braddy, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim February 15 - March 15, 2016 as

Bet on Vels! Month

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in acknowledging the valuable military training and experience of Student Veterans and in supporting them in their educational and future endeavors.

AN WHTNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 9th day of February, A.D., 2016.

Edward B. Braddy Mayor

