

WHEREAS, March is Women's History Month in the United States, a time when our

nation reflects on the valuable contributions women make to our society; and

WHEREAS, the young women of Florida are considered to be tomorrow's leaders; and

WHEREAS, it is very important that we provide young women access to the resources and opportunities they need to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, the Pace Center for Girls is instrumental in helping promote a better future through a caring community that believes in their value; and

WHEREAS, all young women in Florida deserve the opportunity to learn, grow and be supported by a caring community that believes in their value; and

WHEREAS, Florida's Department of Children and Families, Department of Education and Department of Juvenile Justice recognize the unique needs of young women and provide them with the programs and services they require to be successful; and

WHEREAS, women are dynamic, invaluable contributors to society.

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

Believing in Girls Month

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in supporting the young women in our community.

AN WHTNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 23rd day of February, A.D., 2016.

Edward B. Braddy Mayor

