

City of Gainesville, Florida
Office of Mayor Harvey L. Ward, Jr.

Proclamation

WHEREAS, municipal government is the government closest to the people and the one with the most direct impact upon its residents; and

WHEREAS, municipal government provides services and programs that enhance the quality of life, which makes our neighbor's city feel like home; and

WHEREAS, municipal government is administered for and by its neighbors, and is dependent upon public commitment to, and understanding of, its many responsibilities, including direct participation in the democratic process; and

WHEREAS, municipal government officials and employees share the responsibility to pass along the understanding of the services provided by their municipalities and their benefits; and

WHEREAS, representative government is dependent on the exercise of the privileges and responsibilities of its neighbors; and

WHEREAS, civic and political participation remains the medium in which citizens engage in free, diverse, and positive political dialogue that guides our nation toward common interests, consensus, and good governance; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public's interest for our nation's leaders to foster civic discourse, education, and participation in federal, state, and local affairs; and

WHEREAS, the advent of revolutionary internet technology offers new mechanisms for empowering our neighbors and fostering greater civic engagement, than at any time in our history; and

WHEREAS, the use of new technologies can bring people together in civic forums, educate citizens on their roles and responsibilities, promote citizen participation in the political process through volunteerism, voting, and the elevation of diverse voices in public discourse. Florida Civics Week is a very important time to recognize the significant role played by municipal government in our lives, and to spread the word to all Florida neighbors that they can shape and influence this level of government; and

WHEREAS, Florida Civics Week is a very important time to recognize the significant role played by municipal government in our lives, and to spread the word to all Floridians that they can shape and influence this level of government.

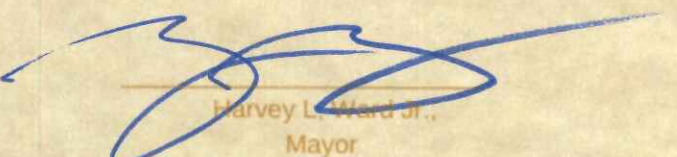
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harvey L. Ward, Jr., by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim September 11-17, 2023 as

Florida Civics Week

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our neighbors to join me in understanding the importance of this week.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 14th day of August, A.D., 2023.




Harvey L. Ward, Jr.,
Mayor