

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Craig Lowe  
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, jazz has played a significant role in the cultural and social history of America; and

WHEREAS, Gainesville Friends of Jazz, a not for profit corporation, founded in 1983, is dedicated to support, promote and increase public awareness, education and participation in jazz, America's music; and

WHEREAS, Gainesville Friends of Jazz has been bringing premier jazz musicians to our community for concerts and school clinics for over 25 years; and

WHEREAS, the month of April is the birth month of such jazz greats as Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald, Herbie Hancock, Billie Holiday, Charles Mingus, Gerry Mulligan, Tito Puente, and Bessie Smith; and

WHEREAS, the Smithsonian Institution National Museum of American History, along with partners, including the U.S. Department of Education, the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Association of Music Education, the International Association of Jazz Educators, and the Grammy Foundation have designated April as Jazz Appreciation Month to draw greater public attention to the extraordinary heritage and history of jazz as both a historic and living American art form.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Lowe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim April, 2011 as

## *Jazz Appreciation Month*

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in recognizing and appreciating the vital role jazz has played in the cultural enrichment of our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 3rd day of March, A.D., 2011.



*Craig Lowe*  
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Mayor