

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

WHEREAS, the professional Public Safety Telecommunicator in Alachua County plays a crucial role in the protection of life, property and delivery of Public Safety Services; and

WHEREAS, each day hundreds of citizens dial 9-1-1 for help in emergencies, and the Telecommunicators who answer these calls for help, gathering essential information and dispatching the appropriate assistance, can often make the difference between life and death for persons in need; and

WHEREAS, these well trained, highly dedicated and deeply motivated individuals proudly and selflessly serve the citizens of Gainesville twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, sometimes during extreme situations such as hurricanes, and are unable to be with their own families or protect their personal homes and property; and

WHEREAS, Telecommunicators, who are the original first responders, are honored to receive recognition by the citizens and agencies who depend on them and benefit from their services; and

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States has proclaimed its support and recognition to these employees and their profession, and the City Commission wishes to publicly recognize the local Telecommunicators who serve the citizens of Gainesville in such a professional manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harvey L. Ward Jr, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim April 9-15, 2023 as

**National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week**

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our neighbors to join me recognizing 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 12th day of January, A.D., 2023.



  
Harvey L. Ward Jr.  
Mayor