



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

Proclamation

WHEREAS, The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has designated May 1st -7th as "Youth Week" to honor America's junior neighbors for their accomplishments, and to give them a fitting recognition of their services to the community, state, and nation; and

WHEREAS, Gainesville Elks Lodge #990 will sponsor an observance during that week in tribute to the junior neighbors of this community; and

WHEREAS, no event is more deserving of our support and participation than one dedicated to the youth who are our nation's greatest resource, and who in the years ahead will assume the responsibility for the advancement of our free society; and

WHEREAS, our youth need guidance, inspiration, and encouragement which we can offer in order to help develop those essential characteristics for future leadership; in order that they may go forth to serve America; and

WHEREAS, to achieve this worthy objective we should demonstrate our partnership with youth, our understanding of their hopes and aspirations, and a sincere willingness to help prepare them in every way for the responsibilities and opportunities of citizenship.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harvey L. Ward, Jr., by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim May 1st-7th, as

Youth Week

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our neighbors to join me in participating wholeheartedly in its observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 21st day of April, A.D., 2023.

Harvey L. Ward, Jr.
Mayor

