



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

## Proclamation

WHEREAS, in November 2023, the Florida Civics and Debate Initiative hosted its annual “The Great Debate” competition in Orlando, Florida; and

WHEREAS, more than 400 students representing all 67 Florida counties competed, including students from Eastside High School and Abraham Lincoln Middle School under the direction of longtime, highly respected speech and debate professional Marna Weston; and

WHEREAS, Eastside students Peter Moywaywa and Sanabil Wajid scored highly in the high school division; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln students Joel Cardenas, Michael Huan, Logan Wu, Henry Palmer, Jalen Zheng, Mia Yu, Ada Cuartocruz, and Vincent Wen scored highly in the middle school division; and

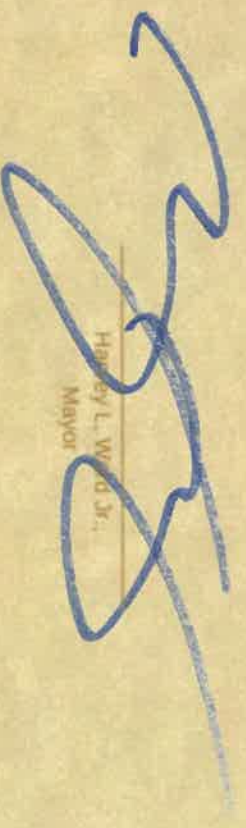
WHEREAS, Lincoln student Ann Moywaywa won first place and was deemed Champion in all three categories for the middle school division.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harvey L. Ward, Jr., by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim December 7, 2023, as

*Eastside High School & Abraham Lincoln Middle School Speech and Debate Students Day*

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our neighbors to join me in recognizing this special day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 5th day of December 2023.



Harvey L. Ward, Jr.  
Mayor

