

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, often have to gather essential information while dispatching the appropriate assistance. This can often make the difference between life and death for people 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, they are unable to be with their own families, or protect their personal property; and

WHEREAS, Telecommunicators, who are the original first responders, are honored to receive recognition by the neighbors, 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 neighbors 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 14-20, 2024 as

National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our neighbors to join me in recognizing our Public Safety Telecommunications heroes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 8th day of April 2024.



Harvey L. Ward, Jr.  
Mayor