

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

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the National League of Cities recognizes that arts and culture have a tremendous impact on cities, towns, and villages across the country; and

WHEREAS, the National League of Cities recognizes the impact that arts and culture have on economic development, community and individual health, housing and the built environment, workforce development, civic participation, education, activism, and social cohesion; and

WHEREAS, participation in the arts has been shown to reduce depression, anxiety, improve physical health, reduce social isolation, and build strong community networks; and

WHEREAS, through Arts for Everybody, the National League of Cities has championed work to increase community well-being through partnerships with the arts and artist employment; and

WHEREAS, Gainesville is a proud member of the National League of Cities and has benefited from the organization's research, technical expertise, federal advocacy, and opportunities to learn from other local governments; and

WHEREAS, the national venture Arts for Everybody is celebrating and amplifying the intrinsic health benefits of the arts and culture with 18 communities across the United States; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville values the contributions of the arts and culture sector to the city and how the arts make our community unique, engaging, and robust.

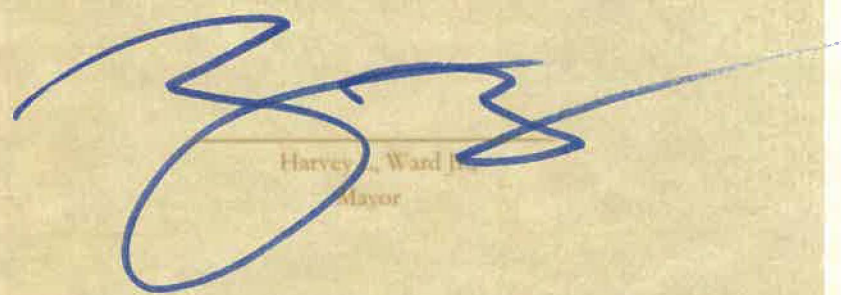
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harvey L. Ward, Jr., by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim July 27, 2024 as

Arts & Health Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our neighbors to join me in celebration of all that the arts and culture contribute to the social cohesion and wellbeing of Gainesville.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 4th day of June 2024.




Harvey L. Ward, Jr.
Mayor