

Before the Alachua County School Board

A Proclamation

Declaring the month of April as "JAZZ APPRECIATION MONTH"
In the Alachua County School District, Florida

Whereas, jazz has played a significant role in the cultural and social history of America; and

Whereas, Gainesville Friends of Jazz, a not for profit corporation, founded in 1983, is dedicated to support promote and increase public awareness, education and participation in jazz, America's music; and

Whereas, Gainesville Friends of Jazz has been bringing premier jazz musicians to our community for concerts and school clinics for over 25 years; and

Whereas, the month of April is the birth month of such jazz greats as Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald, Herbie Hancock, Billie Holiday, Charles Mingus, Gerry Mulligan, Tito Puente and Bessie Smith; and

Whereas, the Smithsonian Institution National Museum of American History, along with partners, including the U. S. Department of Education, the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Association of Music Education, the International Association of Jazz Educators and the Grammy Foundation have designated April as Jazz Appreciation Month to draw greater public attention to the extraordinary heritage and history of jazz as both a historic and living American art form; and

Whereas, in recognition of the vital role jazz has played in the cultural enrichment of our community.

Now, therefore, through the authority vested in me by the School Board of Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim the month of April as "Jazz Appreciation Month" in the Alachua County School District.

Duly proclaimed this _____ day of _____ 2009 A.D.

ATTEST:

SCHOOL BOARD OF
ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

W. Daniel Boyd, Jr., Superintendent

By: _____
Tina Pinkoson, Chair