



*City of Alachua, Florida*  
*Office of Mayor Gib Coerper*

*PROCLAMATION*

*WHEREAS*, Joel DeCoursey, Jr. began his law enforcement career in 1986, and has provided public safety to the citizens of Alachua County for nearly thirty years; and

*WHEREAS*, he was appointed to the Chief of Police position for the City of Alachua Police Department on July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008; and

*WHEREAS*, during his tenure with the Alachua Police Department, many milestone projects were accomplished, such as the transition from analogue to 800MHz radio system, which launched the agency into an era of industry standard technological advancement; and

*WHEREAS*, his dedication and service to the community was not limited to public safety – he served in various civic and professional organizations such as the Santa Fe Kiwanis Club, Alachua Lions Club, Black-on-Black Crime Task Force and Florida Police Chiefs Association, to name a few; additionally, he was always an advocate for programs designed to serve the community's youth, and participated as a mentor with our local schools; and

*WHEREAS*, the City of Alachua would like to express its gratitude and appreciation to Joel DeCoursey, Jr. for his dedicated service to the public safety of "The Good Life Community" and offer wishes for many years of happiness and good health as he embarks on the next chapter of his life to enjoy the fruits of his labor in his retirement.

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Gib Coerper, Mayor of the City of Alachua, representing the City and the City Commission, do hereby proclaim **June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015**, as

*Joel DeCoursey, Jr. Day*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, I have hereunto set my hand this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2015

ATTEST:

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Gib Coerper, Mayor