

WHEREAS, the City of Tallahassee, like the rest of the country is faced with challenging economic times; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tallahassee made the difficult economic decision to eliminate the maintenance of rose beds in the City's Park System; and

WHEREAS, these rose beds have historically played a prominent role in the beautification of our City; and

WHEREAS, a group of concerned citizens recognized the importance of beautiful roses, flowerbeds and landscaping for making Tallahassee attractive and special; and

WHEREAS, this group of citizens took the lead in working with the Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Affairs Department to secure the funding to maintain the rose beds; and

WHEREAS, close to 200 individuals, groups, garden circles and service clubs donated over \$10,000 to the Tallahassee Friends of our Parks Foundation to maintain the rose beds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tallahassee commends these citizens for exceeding expectations to ensure a beautiful and vibrant community, and facilitating mutually beneficial public-private relationships;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Marks, III by the power vested in me as the Mayor of the City of Tallahassee, do recognize and honor

- The Save the Roses Committee
- The Betton Hills Neighborhood Association
- The Tallahassee Civitan Club
- And all of the citizens and groups whose donations helped save the roses

in recognition of and appreciation for their extraordinary efforts to make and keep Tallahassee beautiful.