

**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 the downtown flower beds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tallahassee Downtown Improvement Authority promotes downtown as a place to shop, eat, visit and conduct business; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tallahassee DOWntown Improvement Authority (DIA) recognized the importance of beautiful flowerbeds and landscaping for making Tallahassee attractive and special; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tallahassee Downtown Improvement Authority took the lead in working with downtown businesses to secure the funding to maintain the flower beds; and

**WHEREAS**, XX members of the Tallahassee Downtown Improvement Authority responded, which resulted in a donation of \$3,900 to maintain the beds utilizing a private contractor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tallahassee Downtown Improvement Authority's inspiring commitment to private/public partnerships made this possible; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tallahassee commends the Tallahassee Downtown Improvement Authority for exceeding expectations to ensure a beautiful and vibrant downtown, 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 Tallahassee Downtown Improvement Authority

And the following businesses



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