

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Education is a vital component of Lake Wales' efforts to promote equality, diversity, economic and cultural advancement and its overall quality of life; and,

**WHEREAS**, Research suggests that focusing on learning in the family at the earliest ages and providing overall family education is an efficient and effective way to enhance educational advancement, fostering greater quality of life; and,

**WHEREAS**, Lake Wales has a long tradition as a caring community of individuals and public and private organizations that provide educational, social, health, economic, spiritual and cultural services to our citizens in Lake Wales on a daily basis; and,

**WHEREAS**, There is a commitment within the community to enhance our community's effectiveness in promoting literacy and providing related services through the coordinated efforts of community based organizations such as the Lake Wales Public Library, the Family Literacy Academy & Coalition, the Lake Wales Literacy Council; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Commission of the City of Lake Wales desires to do all it can to encourage, promote and assist literacy and related needs during this next year and thereafter.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Eugene Fultz, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Lake Wales, in the State of Florida, hereby declare and proclaim the month of September 2014 as

## *LITERACY Month*

And, encourage interested citizens to participate in this observance.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Lake Wales, Florida to be affixed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2014.

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Mayor