

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, 2018 marks the 51st anniversary of St. Christopher's Hospice in London, widely recognized as the first modern day hospice organization, and the 36th anniversary of the Medicare hospice benefit in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the hospice and palliative care philosophy places the needs of the individual at the center of care allowing patients and family caregivers to focus on quality of life, surrounded and supported by family and loved ones, despite serious and life-limiting illness; and

WHEREAS, hospice and palliative care organizations are advocates and educators about advance care planning that help individuals make decisions about the healthcare they would want to receive should they have a serious or life-limiting illness or if they were unable to speak for themselves; and

WHEREAS, Haven believes that everyone deserves comfort, care and compassion; and

WHEREAS, In 2017, Haven had the honor and privilege to serve 16,008 individuals and families throughout North Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim November, 2018 as

National Hospice and Palliative Care Month

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in increasing their understanding and awareness of care at the end of life and to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this November 27th day of 2018, A.D., 2018.



Lauren Poe
Mayor