

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Gainesville-Alachua County Cultural Affairs Board Individual Arts, Business Arts and Lennie Kent Lifetime Arts Awards recognize those individuals and businesses that have made significant contributions to the advancement of the arts in our community; and

WHEREAS, Tom Hart and Leela Corman, Héctor Puig and Héctor Framing and Gallery, and Angela Terrell have each made a significant impact in our community through important, influential and lasting contributions to the arts and culture, through a body of work and over a number of years; and

WHEREAS, Tom Hart and Leela Corman have a deep attachment to this community and have contributed enormously to the arts here, not only as internationally recognized professional artists, but also as educators. They have brought hundreds to Gainesville to study cartooning at the SAW (Sequential Artists Workshop) school in the special atmosphere that Gainesville provides for creativity and inspiration. An award-winning graphic novelist, Leela Corman is a faculty member of SAW, as well as an outstanding Middle Eastern dancer and teacher. Executive Director of SAW, Tom Hart has been a professional cartoonist since the 1990s and is a well-known educator in the field. His highly-praised new book "Rosalie Lightening: A Graphic Memoir" reveals the unspeakable tragedy of the loss of their daughter Rosalie, and the difficult journey of healing that he has been generous enough to share with others; and

WHEREAS, Héctor Puig and his self-named gallery and framing business, have been an anchor in Gainesville's cultural and business community for over 25 years. He has made the work represented at his gallery, as well as an extensive personal collection of extraordinary art available for countless public exhibitions at the Thomas Center Galleries, the University Gallery, the Cofrin Gallery and the Samuel P. Harn Museum of Art. Héctor Puig has become an ardent supporter of the 352walls mural project, sponsoring artists, supporting the curators, underwriting expenses, offering hospitality and patronage to the guest artists. He extends encouragement to the art community by recognizing and supporting the endeavors of all, never shortchanging the opportunity to attend art openings, send congratulatory messages or offer the positive and personal appreciation so necessary for those who choose the difficult life of art-making; and

WHEREAS, for nearly 50 years, Angela Terrell has been a force for arts education in Gainesville and has literally affected the lives of thousands of students by introducing them to the worlds of music, performance and the cultural arts. Ms. Terrell had a remarkable career as an elementary music teacher, including 27 years at Littlewood Elementary where the Performing Arts Center is named in her honor. She also served as an adjunct teacher in the University of Florida's School of Music, introducing elementary education students to the power of music as a vehicle for learning. She helped create and implement the fine arts education program at Duval Elementary, which served as the basis for the development of the Duval Fine Arts Academy. Ms. Terrell has served in leadership on many community boards and was the founder of the Duval Community Arts Council. She has raised tens of thousands of dollars for arts education among underserved Alachua County students and their families. Ms. Terrell's personality and passion is like a gravitational force and has made a lasting mark on our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim March 2, 2017 as

Tom Hart and Leela Corman, Héctor Puig and Héctor Framing and Gallery and Angela Terrell Day

In the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in recognizing Tom Hart and Leela Corman, Héctor Puig and Héctor Framing and Gallery and Angela Terrell in expressing our appreciation for their overall dedication to the arts in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 9th day of February, A.D., 2017.


Lauren Poe
Mayor

