

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, a community probes its origins to preserve its history for future generations, and those communities must rely upon their citizenry to accomplish such preservation; and

WHEREAS, over the past 60 years Mark and Mary Barrow have provided this preservation effort in the Gainesville and Alachua County communities, Mark through reclaiming the area's written history and ephemera at the Matheson History Museum, Mary by rehabilitating the area's historic fabric and demonstrating the economic benefits of historic preservation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Barrow with the enthusiastic and staunch support of his wife Mary was one of the founders and an enduring champion of the Matheson History Museum in Gainesville; and

WHEREAS, Mark Barrow, MD and PhD, has devoted countless hours and significant personal funds to guarantee preservation and maintenance of the Robb House Medical Museum in Gainesville, and has served as President of the Alachua County Medical Society, and as an original member of the Florida Arts Celebration Board; and

WHEREAS, Mary Barrow provided Gainesville with its first significant assisted living facility with the adaptive use of Gainesville's oldest residence, Bailey House, and adjacent Victorian cottages, and at the state level providing leadership in historic preservation as an early officer of the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation; and

WHEREAS, Mark and Mary Barrow deserve our community's thanks and gratitude for enhancing our quality of life both now and in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim October 4, 2018 as

Dr. Mark and Mary Barrow Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in recognizing the importance of historic preservation exemplified by the work of Mark and Mary Barrow.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 5th day of September, A.D., 2018.




Lauren Poe
Mayor