

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe  
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, 145 years after J. Sterling Morton first proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, we continue his vision with our own tree planting ceremony; and

WHEREAS, the National Arbor Day Foundation has certified that in 2019, Gainesville met the requirements of the "Tree City USA" program for the 36<sup>th</sup> consecutive year; and

WHEREAS, 72 shade trees have been planted in City Parks and Open Spaces in honor of this occasion; two trees for every year Gainesville has been a Tree City USA; and

WHEREAS, this is the 36<sup>th</sup> year celebration as a "Tree City USA" so the City of Gainesville has planted in total 72 trees due to our passion with this honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim January 17, 2020 as

*Arbor Day*

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in celebrating Gainesville's beautiful tree canopy.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of October, A.D., 2019.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lauren Poe', is written over a horizontal line.

Lauren Poe  
Mayor