

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville, Florida is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Gainesville; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern and homes are where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Fire Departments responded to 369,500 home fires resulting in 2,745 civilian deaths in 2014; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Fire Protection Association, installing a home fire sprinkler system reduces property loss caused by fire by 70% and the risk of dying from a fire in the home by 80%; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half and all smoke alarms should be replaced at least once every ten years; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Don't Wait - Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years" effectively serves to educate the public about the vital importance of checking the date of manufacture on the back of the alarms and replacing them at least every ten years.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim October 9 - 15, 2016 as

Fire Prevention Week

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in participating in the City's fire prevention activities and efforts sponsored by Gainesville Fire Rescue.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 20th day of September, A.D., 2016.



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

Lauren Poe
Mayor