

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the third Monday in January is recognized as a National Holiday in memory and recognition of the life, deeds and principles espoused by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, April 4, 2018 marks the 50th Assassination Anniversary & Commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who's quest cost him his life in Memphis, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., devoted his life to the fight for the full rights of citizenship for the poor and the racially oppressed, all the while exhibiting courage and moral presence; and

WHEREAS, the Martin Luther King, Jr., Commission of Florida will honor Dr. King's deeds and dreams by holding several special events during the MLK 50th Assassination Anniversary & Commemorative Activities March 30th - April 3rd 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Eleventh Annual MLK Prayer Breakfast recognizing the 2018 Drum Major for Justice Award Recipient, and the Joseph "Joel" Buchanan Drum Major for Justice Scholarship Award Recipient, will be held during the MLK Prayer Breakfast on Friday, March 30th, 2018 8:00am at the Best Western Gateway Grande Hotel; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 30th Anniversary of Highway 441 in Alachua County being renamed as the Martin Luther King, Jr. Highway by House Bill 230, Chapter Law 88-419; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 30th Anniversary of the completion of the MLK Memorial Gardens and Hall of Fame located in downtown Gainesville; and

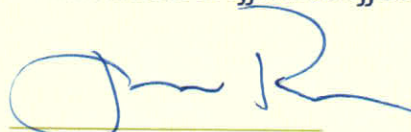
WHEREAS, the Martin Luther King, Jr., Commission will host several programs recognizing the 50th Anniversary Assassination & Commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. March 30th - April 3rd 2018 in Gainesville, Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim March 30th - April 3rd, 2018 as

MLK 50th Assassination Anniversary & Commemoration

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in participating in the many activities which will be held in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 8th day of March, A.D., 2018.



Lauren Poe
Mayor