

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the mental health of every citizen is essential to the social and economic prosperity of families, businesses and communities; and

WHEREAS, mental health is a key component of everyone's overall physical health and emotional well-being; and

WHEREAS, we strive to create a community that supports mental wellness by increasing access to treatment, educating ourselves about mental wellness and supporting our fellow citizens as they seek to improve their mental health; and

WHEREAS, greater public awareness about mental health can positively transform attitudes towards people with mental illness which makes it easier for our fellow citizens to seek help.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim May, 2019 as

Mental Health Awareness Month

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me the Gainesville Police Department, Meridian Behavioral Health and other community partners in promoting mental wellness and supporting prevention efforts like the upcoming Mental Health Symposium and Resource Fair. I also call upon all of the citizens, government agencies, private and public institutions, schools and businesses in, Gainesville, Florida to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, the steps our citizens can take to protect their mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental health conditions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 29th day of April, A.D., 2019.

Lauren Poe
Mayor