

# 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, 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, Martin Luther King, Jr., Commission of Florida will honor Dr. King's deeds and dreams by holding the 51<sup>st</sup> Assassination Anniversary & Commemorative Activities in honor of Dr. King; and

WHEREAS, the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual MLK Prayer Breakfast recognizing the 2019 Drum Major for Justice Award Recipient, Rev. John Cowart, Pastor Abiding Faith Christian Center Church and the 2019 Joseph "Joel" Buchanan Drum Major for Justice Scholarship Award Recipient, Antione Turner, Senior, Gainesville High School, will be held during the MLK Prayer Breakfast on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. at the Best Western Gateway Grande Hotel; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the completion of the MLK Memorial Gardens and Hall of Fame located in downtown Gainesville.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim April 4, 2019 as

## *MLK 51<sup>st</sup> Assassination Anniversary Day*

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in participating in the activities which will be held in honor of the assassination 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, A.D., 2019.

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Lauren Poe  
Mayor