City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on Memorial Day we honor the memory of the service men and women who have given their lives in the service of our country; and

WHEREAS, the last Monday in May is set aside to mourn those who died on the battlefield defending our Constitution, our country and our way of life; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting on this Memorial Day to remember the sacrifices made by those defenders who now lie in hallowed ground throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, on Memorial Day, citizens are invited to Forest Meadows East at 11:00 a.m. to honor those who have served and are now serving our nation in times of peril; and

WHEREAS, on this Memorial Day, we gather as a country at important places of remembrance to demonstrate our appreciation and acknowledge the sacrifice of those who lost their lives in the fight to maintain our freedom.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim May 29, 2017 as

Memorial Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in sharing the true meaning of Memorial Day as we pay tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice that preserves our Nation's liberty and the American way of life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 6^h day of March, A.D., 2017.

Jauren Poe Mayor