

City of Gainesville, Florida
Office of Mayor Lauren Poe
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The City of Gainesville Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department and Gainesville Cultural Affairs Board annually recognize individuals who have made significant and sustained contributions to the arts over a number of years; and

WHEREAS, 2021 Jennie Kest Lifetime Arts Award recipient Mark Ambrecht is both an outstanding visual artist and musician, who shares his work and kindness with the community; and

WHEREAS, Mark Ambrecht spent many years as a professional farrier, and mastering iron work in this craft led to his making his own sculptures and subsequently paintings, prints and poetry; and

WHEREAS, Mark Ambrecht is also a talented musician, playing with artists like the award-winning Bridgett Kelly Band as well as with Middle Ground, alongside his talented wife Barbara Paul Ambrecht; and

WHEREAS Mark Ambrecht has given generously of his time and energy to support Gainesville's cultural community over the years, including serving on the boards of the North Central Florida Blues Society and Gainesville Cultural Affairs Board; and

WHEREAS, Mark Ambrecht is also a quiet, gentle and humble soul who regularly can be found doing handiwork for seniors in his neighborhood and those in need of his talents and kindness.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim March 17, 2022 as

Mark Ambrecht Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our neighbors to join me in recognizing Mark Ambrecht as the recipient of the 2021 Jennie Kest Lifetime Arts Award and expressing our appreciation for his overall dedication to the cultural life of our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 1st day of March, A.D., 2022.



Lauren Poe
Mayor

