

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Hydrocephalus is a condition in which the primary characteristics is excessive accumulation of cerebrospinal fluid in the brain, which can lead to potentially harmful pressure on the tissues of the brain. It is often treated by a shunting procedure that diverts the fluid to another area of the body; and

WHEREAS, this lifelong condition affects an estimated one million Americans, from newborns to seniors. It occurs in approximately one in every 500 births, making it the leading cause of brain surgery in children; and

WHEREAS, possible causes of hydrocephalus include genetic abnormalities, developmental disorders, complications from premature births, diseases, tumors, traumatic brain injuries or subarachnoid hemorrhages. A growing number of military service members and veterans have developed the disorder after a traumatic brain injury; and

WHEREAS, there are different types of hydrocephalus, including congenital acquired, communicating, non-communicating, ex-vacuo and normal pressure; and

WHEREAS, although hydrocephalus poses risks to both cognitive and physical development, many children with the disorder go on to live healthy lives with few limitations after surgical procedures, rehabilitation therapies and educational interventions; and

WHEREAS, as we seek to improve the overall well-being of Jacksonville citizens, raising awareness of hydrocephalus will assist with prevention and treatment efforts.

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

Hydrocephalus Awareness Month

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in educating themselves on this disorder that can affect people of all ages, genders, races and socioeconomic levels.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 14th day of September, A.D., 2017.

Lauren Poe
Mayor