

City of Gainesville, Florida  
Office of Mayor Lauren Poe  
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The people of the United States and the great City of Gainesville, Florida, who come from a variety of backgrounds, are united in certain foundational beliefs such as affirming the inherent dignity of all persons, the right of every person to be treated with respect, and the right of all citizens to practice their religion freely; and

WHEREAS, This legislative body is justly proud to recognize Tuesday, February 1, 2022, as World Hijab Day; and

WHEREAS, The Hijab, a traditional veil which covers a woman's hair and chest, has been very important to the history of Islam; it is meant to promote dignity and respect for women while maintaining modesty and respect for religious faith; and

WHEREAS, World Hijab Day was started by Nazma Khan, a resident of NJ, as a day set aside for women of different cultures, who do not normally wear the Hijab, to experience wearing one for the day; its purpose is to encourage religious tolerance, cultural understanding, and international solidarity; and

WHEREAS, On February 1, 2013, the world celebrated its first annual World Hijab Day in recognition of millions of Muslim women who choose to wear the Hijab and live a life of religious faith; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, World Hijab Day has had participants from all over the world; and

WHEREAS, To combat prejudice, leaders in the American Muslim community are working tirelessly to show that the wearing of the Hijab is a choice, a freedom, and a blessing; as well as to educate their fellow citizens about Islam in ways that are relevant and meaningful; and

WHEREAS, One of America's greatest strengths as a society has been the ability to embrace our different faiths and to allow their members to express themselves freely; in this spirit, World Hijab Day encourages the wearing of the Hijab as a proud display of religious faith and communal bonding which will make us stronger as a nation and more accepting of others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this legislative body to honor those important events which remind us of the rich and diverse heritage of our great State and Nation while encouraging greater religious tolerance and understanding in our communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this legislative body pause in its deliberations to recognize Tuesday, February 1, 2022, as World Hijab Day; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Nazma Khan, Founder, World Hijab Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim February 1, 2022 as

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in the City of Gainesville and invite all our neighbors to join me in recognizing this occasion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 21st day of January, A.D., 2022.



Lauren Poe  
Mayor

