

City of Gainesville, Florida
Office of Mayor Lauren Poe
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the next Decennial Census will be taken in the year 2020, and will be used to determine political representation to the United States House of Representatives, state legislatures, and local governments; and

WHEREAS, data from the Census provides the basis for distributing more than \$675 billion in federal funds annually to communities across the country to support vital programs impacting the amount of funding that will be provided by the state and federal government for a number of programs including housing, education, transportation, employment and healthcare; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville, Florida has recognized the importance of each and every resident in the 2020 Census count and has agreed to be one of the 39,000 governmental entities in partnership with the United States Census Bureau; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville, Florida agrees to inform residents to participate in and respond to the 2020 Census; and

WHEREAS, April 1, 2020 marks the official, constitutionally-mandated Census Day where every resident is called to "be counted." The City of Gainesville calls on all institutions in our community, both the public and private, to designate 20 minutes between the hours of 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. on April 1 for all neighbors and community builders to complete their 2020 census.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim March, 2020 as

Census Awareness Month

and April 1st, 2020 as

Census Stand Down Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in this public outreach effort by participating to "be counted" in the 2020 Census.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 3rd day of March, A.D. 2020.



Lauren Poe
Mayor

