

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Florida native plants are critical to the health of bees, insects, butterflies and other animals by providing food and shelter; and

WHEREAS, many native plants are endangered or threatened species and must be protected; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Florida Native Plant Society is the preservation, conservation and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Native Plant Society has been at the forefront, since its founding in the summer of 1980 in Winter Park, Florida, of the movement to save Florida's Native Plants; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Native Plant Society was founded by a group of scientists, educators and conservationists concerned about the loss of Florida's native plants and the introduction of non-native species overtaking natural areas; and

WHEREAS, the Society now consists of 37 chapters and 4,177 members from all walks of life who volunteer their time, knowledge and skills in public workshops, participating in Land Management Reviews, restoration projects, workdays and teaching Floridians about the many benefits of native plants; and

WHEREAS, Florida has an incredible wealth of natural areas to showcase our native plants and native plant communities to our citizens and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, these natural communities must be preserved for future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim October, 2018 as

Florida Native Plant Month

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in celebrating Florida Native Plant Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 11th day of September, A.D., 2018.



Lauren Poe
Mayor