

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe  
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville, Florida is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Gainesville; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Fire Protection Association, US fire departments responded to 352,000 home fires and 2,735 lives were lost due to home fires during 2016; and

WHEREAS, the majority of US fire deaths (four out of five) occur at home each year; and

WHEREAS, Gainesville residents should identify places in their homes where fires can start and eliminate those hazards; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

WHEREAS, Gainesville's residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home; and

WHEREAS, residents should listen for the sound of the smoke alarm and respond by going outside immediately to a designated meeting place; and

WHEREAS, residents who have practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will be more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS, Gainesville Fire Rescue promotes the installation of home fire sprinklers in all new home construction; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville and Gainesville Fire Rescue are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware - fire can happen anywhere™" effectively serves to remind us that we need to take personal steps to increase our safety from fire.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim October 7-13, 2018 as

## *Fire Prevention Week*

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in participating in the City's fire prevention activities and efforts sponsored by Gainesville Fire Rescue.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, A.D., 2018.



Lauren Poe  
Mayor

