

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe  
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Democratic women of every race, class and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our great state of Florida in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, Democratic women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural and social role in every sphere of life across the state of Florida by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home; and

WHEREAS, Democratic women have played a unique role throughout the history of our state by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force; and

WHEREAS, Democratic women have played important roles in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic and cultural institutions in Florida; and

WHEREAS, Democratic women of every race, class and ethnic background continue to serve as leaders in the forefront of the progressive social change movement; and

WHEREAS, despite these contributions, the role of Democratic women in Florida's history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching and study of our state's history.

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

## *Democratic Women's History Month*

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in acknowledging and thanking Democratic women for their many sacrifices and contributions to our great state.

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



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lauren Poe', is written over a thin horizontal line.

Lauren Poe  
Mayor