

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on April 14, 1869 the City of Gainesville was officially incorporated. Over the last 150 years the City has been the home of and has nurtured outstanding cultural, natural, recreational, business, academic and faith-based assets, but all would agree Gainesville's greatest asset is its people; and

WHEREAS, for the next twelve months the City of Gainesville will commemorate this important milestone and engage the community to tell its own story, providing an opportunity to learn about our past, capture this moment in time and look forward to the future; and

WHEREAS, the Gainesville150! Anniversary Project will provide a platform for our community to understand its commonalities and embrace its differences. It will help us come together to build better relationships, promote long-term collaborations and pave the way to realize our vision for the next 150 years; and

WHEREAS, during the anniversary year, the City of Gainesville and partner organizations will host interactive and engaging programs and activities, leveraging the power of cultural events, educational opportunities, technology, personal experiences and family lore to define the City's shared heritage. The Gainesville150! calendar will offer concerts, written and spoken word events, exhibits, history projects, public art, dance and community discussions. The year will conclude with a community-wide closing celebration to be held in April 2020, to launch the next 150 years; and

WHEREAS, the Gainesville150! Anniversary Project is a vehicle to appreciate our place in the continuity of time and to see our own contribution as significant within this timeline. With this understanding and the shared vision we will gain from this project, we will enhance our capacity to make us the city we aspire to become; and

WHEREAS, Gainesville150! showcases the community as a dynamic, expanding city and a great place to live, work and play, and paves the way to a future built on innovation, inclusiveness, excellence, economic vitality and community pride; and

WHEREAS, the City encourages all of the members of our broad and diverse community to take part in Gainesville150! Anniversary Project and join with us as we journey forward.

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

Gainesville150! Anniversary Year

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in commemorating this important milestone in our history.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 8th day of April, A.D., 2019.



Lauren Poe
Mayor