

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville is home to innovators, entrepreneurs and inventors and is a city that encourages entrepreneurship and innovation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville is home to the University of Florida which has advanced Florida's economic prosperity and quality of life for over one hundred years through advancements made by technological, scientific and design innovators; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville is home to Santa Fe College, a founding member in the League for Innovation in the Community College and recently named the Aspen Institute's number one college in the country; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville is home to many successful incubators focused on supporting the needs of startup and fledgling companies. Among these the Sid Martin Biotechnology Incubator, the Innovation Hub, the Center for Innovation and Economic Development, the Gainesville Technology and Entrepreneurship Center, Starter Space and Blue Ovens Kitchens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville is home to community organizations that value and promote entrepreneurship and innovation. Among these CareerSource, the Gainesville Area Innovation Network, the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce, Innovation Gainesville, the Cade Museum Foundation and Community Foundation of North Central Florida; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville is home to many private businesses that sponsor and promote events that celebrate and encourage entrepreneurship and entrepreneurs. Among these Cox Communications, SharpSpring and many more; and

WHEREAS, throughout October 2016, through a series of programs and events, innovators, entrepreneurs and creators will showcase our entrepreneurial spirit and encourage new intellectual capital to come to Florida and our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim October, 2016 as

Entrepreneurship Month

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me and participate in the month long activities encouraging and fostering entrepreneurship during the Gainesville Entrepreneurship 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 20th day of September, A.D., 2016.





Lauren Poe
Mayor