

City of Gainesville, Florida
Office of Mayor Lauren Poe
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Public education serves as a cornerstone of American democracy by preparing children to participate in that democracy; and

WHEREAS, Strong public schools are a vital part of any successful community; and

WHEREAS, Public schools play a key role in promoting the academic, physical and emotional growth of the community's children; and

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic has further demonstrated the importance of public schools in the lives of children and their families; and

WHEREAS, The teachers and staff of Alachua County Public Schools (ACPS) have continued to provide essential educational and 'wraparound' services to this community's children, including physical and mental healthcare and nutritional support; and

WHEREAS, They have provided those services despite the many challenges and potential risks associated with the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, They have had to go above and beyond their typical job responsibilities to serve students and their families, often by sacrificing time with their own families; and

WHEREAS, The work of ACPS employees will make it possible for our community to return to normal, or a new normal, when the pandemic is over; and

WHEREAS, When that day comes, ACPS employees will still face the monumental task of helping students overcome the negative effects of the pandemic;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim May, 2021 as

Alachua County Public Schools Teachers and Staff Month

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in honoring the critical role that our local schools and school district employees play in the future success of our children, our community and our society.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 3rd day of May, A.D., 2021.



Lauren Poe
Mayor

