

City of Gainesville, Florida
Office of Mayor Lauren Poe
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the African American Studies Program was established as an academic unit in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences at the University of Florida in 1969; and

WHEREAS, the Black Student Union was central to the establishment of the African American Studies Program at the University of Florida; ; and

WHEREAS, the African American Studies Program was established in the best interests of the University of Florida, the City of Gainesville, and the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the African American Studies Program developed the Bachelor of Arts degree in African American Studies in 2013; and

WHEREAS, thousands of students successfully completed courses in African American Studies during the past 50 years at the University of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the African American Studies faculty and students have made significant contributions to knowledge and the advancement of African American Studies in the American Academy and the global community; and

WHEREAS, the African American Studies Program at the University of Florida celebrates its 50th Anniversary in 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim February 21, 2020 as

African American Studies Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in participating in all activities related to African American Studies Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 4th day of December, A.D., 2019.

 Lauren Poe
Mayor

