

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe  
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has designated April 30-May 6 as Youth Week, to honor America's Junior Citizens for their accomplishments, and to give fitting recognition of their services to the community, state and nation; and

WHEREAS, The Gainesville Elks Lodge #990 will sponsor an observance during that week in tribute to the Junior Citizens of this community; and

WHEREAS, no event could be more deserving of our support and participation than one dedicated to these young people who represent the nation's greatest resource, and who in the years ahead will assume the responsibility for the advancement of our free society; and

WHEREAS, to go forth to serve America our youth need the guidance, inspiration and encouragement which we alone can give in order to help develop those qualities of character essential for future leadership; and

WHEREAS, to achieve this worthy objective we should demonstrate our partnership with youth, our understanding of their hopes and aspirations and a sincere willingness to help prepare them in every way for the responsibilities and opportunities of citizenship.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim April 30-May 6, 2017 as

## **Elks National Youth Week**

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in honoring our youth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, A.D., 2017.

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**Lauren Poe**  
**Mayor**