

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe  
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the bicycle plays an important role in the lives of many Gainesville residents, serving as an integral form of recreation and transportation; and

WHEREAS, promotion of bicycling has contributed significantly to economic development in the City by attracting nature-based tourism and outdoor enthusiasts to the region; and

WHEREAS, many cyclists from the City and other communities participate in cycling activities to experience the City's beautiful scenery, many parks, natural attractions and historic sites; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville is home to Menagerie in Motion, the Southeast's only kinetic sculpture derby, highlighting areas of cultural and natural beauty in our community; and

WHEREAS, the City is home to the 37 year old Gainesville Cycling Festival comprised of the Santa Fe Century and Horse Farm Hundred, which has provided ten thousand dollars annually to the Boys & Girls Club; and

WHEREAS, increased bicycle usage promotes health and wellness in the City and encourages citizens to develop habits of physical activity to become fit, prevent obesity and reduce the risk of chronic disease.

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

## *National Bike Month*

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in pedaling through our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, A.D., 2017.

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Lauren Poe  
Mayor