

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the third Monday in January is recognized as a National Holiday in memory and recognition of the life, deeds and principles espoused by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. devoted his life to the fight for the full rights of citizenship for the poor and the racially oppressed, all the while exhibiting courage and moral presence; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's quest cost him his life in Memphis, Tennessee on April 4, 1968; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville will honor Dr. King's deeds and dreams by holding several special events during King Celebration January 8-16, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Highway 441 in Alachua County has been renamed the Martin Luther King, Jr. Highway by House Bill 230, Chapter Law 88-419; and

WHEREAS, a commemorative march will be held on Monday, January 16, 2017, followed that same day by a program honoring Dr. King.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim January 8-16, 2017 as

King Celebration 2017

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in participating in the many activities which will be held in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 12th day of December, A.D., 2016.

Lauren Poe
Mayor