

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe  
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Robert J. (Bob) Gasche was a hero. He fought and was seriously wounded in the Battle of Iwo Jima during WWII and served again during the Korean Conflict; and

WHEREAS, at home, he founded the Milton Lewis Young Marine Detachment, co-founded the Iwo Jima Group, and was a founding/charter member of the local Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 0823; and

WHEREAS, he was an honored member of numerous veteran's organizations, including the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2811 and Marine Corps League Detachment 990; and

WHEREAS, a staunch advocate for all veterans, Bob worked tirelessly to coordinate the veterans community with the City of Gainesville. Whether it was teaching ROTC at the University, speaking at local schools and businesses, seeing to it that Gainesville was declared a "Purple Heart City", recruiting veterans to be honored at UF Football games, or ensuring that the City properly recognized and proclaimed National and Veteran holidays, Bob was always there; and

WHEREAS, Bob Gasche passed away earlier this year, and I fear, we will never again see a leader such as he

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim December 17, 2019 as

## *Bob Gasche Day*

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in honoring him and thanking him for carrying out his mission to serve and protect this country and remembering his great spirit, kind words and tireless effort to make this a great City to reside in.

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 November, A.D., 2019.

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Lauren Poe  
Mayor