

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the 2016 City of Gainesville Aquatic Staff have displayed the utmost professionalism, lifesaving skills and training, and has worked tirelessly to provide public safety and assist patrons at each of the City's public swimming pools; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, July 8th, Lifeguard Harold Pan recognized an aquatic emergency with a 6-year old boy at the Dwight H. Hunter Pool, and activated the Emergency Action Plan with Pool Supervisor, Drew Shimansky, immediately putting their training into action to administer lifesaving measures on the child; and

WHEREAS, on Monday, July 11, Lifeguard Minh Nguyen recognized an aquatic emergency with a 6-year old girl at Dwight H. Hunter Pool, and activated the Emergency Action Plan with Pool Supervisor, Stefan Guire, immediately putting their training into action to administer lifesaving measures on the child; and

WHEREAS, the entire on-duty aquatic staff on the aforementioned days assisted in the rescue efforts by calling 9-1-1, clearing the pool, securing the deck, providing crowd control and providing support and assistance until Fire Rescue/EMS staff arrived on site where the aquatic staff, police officers, fire rescue and EMS personnel worked together seamlessly on both occasions to assist in the lifesaving efforts and transported the children to the hospital; and

WHEREAS, Harold Pan, Minh Nguyen, Drew Shimansky, Stefan Guire and the entire city staff involved in these medical emergencies deserve our sincere thanks, recognition and praise for their quick and brave response, excellent judgement and professionalism in the line of duty and for the 3-5 major rescues and 224 minor incidents that are responded to for the over 155,000 visitors to the City pools each year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim August 4, 2016 as

Lifeguard Appreciation Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in celebrating their dedication and efforts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 15th day of July, A.D., 2016.



Lauren Poe
Mayor