City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, one in every four women will experience domestic violence during her lifetime; and

WHEREAS, survivors should have support, safety, and a path to self-sufficiency that includes compassion, comfort and healing they need; and

WHEREAS, we believe perpetrators of domestic violence crimes should be held accountable to the fullest extent of the law; and

WHEREAS, survivors of domestic violence deserve the right to live without fear and be empowered; and

WHEREAS, Peaceful Paths and our local partners in government, law enforcement, and victim services are committed to ensuring victim safety and better accountability; and

WHEREAS, the Violence Against Women Act, Office of Justice, and other federal agencies have expressed a commitment to eliminating domestic violence both nationally and internationally.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim October, 2018 as

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in working collectively to prevent domestic violence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 8th day of October, A.D., 2018.

Jauren Poe Mayor