

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the United Nations (UN) was founded in 1945 and the anniversary of the day on which the UN Charter came into force is observed each year on October 24th; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations through its many organs and agencies, promotes peace and security, development, democracy, economic prosperity, global health and human rights around the world and is vital now more than ever; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations is working to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals adopted at the General Assembly in September 2015, by providing a common development strategy for the international community, improving coordination, coherence and effectiveness within the UN system, the donor community and developing countries; and

WHEREAS, the 17 major Sustainable Development Goals target universal issues such as the end of hunger, quality education for all, gender equality and reducing inequality, and while other goals contribute to environmental sustainability, combating climate change and alleviating the plight of refugees; and recalling that implementation is planned to last until 2030; and

WHEREAS, the United States has a long tradition of leading international efforts to improve health, education and economic growth in developing countries through the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, polls taken in the last four years consistently show that over 80% of American voters believe that the UN is an important global forum and an organization in which the U.S. needs to maintain an active role; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations Association of the USA, Gainesville Chapter, is committed to educating and mobilizing our local communities to build a stronger network of citizens and leaders to create a more prosperous, just and sustainable world; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations Association of the USA, Gainesville Chapter, has declared "One Humanity, Shared Responsibility - Climate Issues from Paris to Gainesville" as its theme for the 2016 United Nations Day commemoration and will emphasize the Adopt-The-Future program in which Americans and Gainesvillians can become active; and

WHEREAS, Masuma Downie has been appointed Chair of the UN Day Committee in Gainesville to work with local UNA-USA members and community leaders to organize events and activities in celebration of UN Day and to educate citizens about the UN's work.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim Friday, October 21, 2016 as

United Nations Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in participating in all activities related to UN Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 6th day of September, A.D., 2016.




Lauren Poe
Mayor