

City of Gainesville, Florida  
Office of Mayor Lauren Poe  
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Mrs. Angela Terrell, is a Gainesville native and lifelong resident, with the exception of four years attending Hampton University in Hampton, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Whereas, after receiving her Bachelor of Science degree in music education from Hampton in 1968, she returned to Gainesville to begin her career as an elementary music teacher at Duval in 1968; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Terrell, taught at Sidney Lanier Elementary, before taking a position at Littlewood Elementary, where she taught for 27 years and where the school auditorium is now named Terrell's Performing Arts Center in her honor; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Terrell served as an adjunct teacher, in the University of Florida's School of Music, for more than 8 years preparing potential elementary education teachers to utilize music as a vehicle for learning in the classroom and where she won Alachua County Teacher of the Year in 1994; and

WHEREAS, After a short-lived retirement, Mrs. Terrell helped create and implement a fine arts education program at Duval Elementary in 2003 that provided piano, drumming, dance, and drama classes to all students and eventually, because of her efforts, became a magnet program for the school district known as the Duval Fine Arts Academy; and

WHEREAS, In addition to serving as Fine Arts Facilitator for the academy, Mrs. Terrell founded the Duval Community Arts Council, which has raised over \$75,000 for arts education among underserved students and their families in Alachua County; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, she worked cooperatively with founder Jacqueline Strappy to establish Destiny's Child Mentorship Program for girls in kindergarten through fifth grade. She also served as co-facilitator for Building Blocks for Success, a mentorship program for fifth grade boys; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Terrell's involvement in arts education extends well beyond the schools. She has served on the board of the Gainesville Association for the Creative Arts, Alachua County Youth Orchestra, Star Center Children's Theatre, Across town Repertory Theatre, North Florida Gospel Music Announcers Guild, and the Arts Association of Alachua County. She is a past President of the Board and current board member of Friends of Music; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Terrell, known in the community for her caring ways, has impacted countless lives as minister of music, educator and advocate of the arts; and


WHEREAS, Mrs. Terrell's lifelong dedication to the arts as an elementary school music teacher, church music director, and board member of numerous community arts organizations and advocate of the arts places her among the best of the best and a gem in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim March 9, 2021 as

**Mrs. Angela Terrell Day**

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me recognize Ms. Terrell for her hard work and dedication.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 1st day of March, A.D., 2021.

  
Lauren Poe  
Mayor

