

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe  
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, parks, recreation and cultural art facilities and programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the City of Gainesville; and

WHEREAS, our parks, recreation and cultural art services are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of a community and region; and

WHEREAS, parks, recreation and cultural art programs build vibrant, healthy and active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, and also improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, parks, recreation and cultural arts facilities and programs increase a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS, parks and natural recreation areas improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, and produce habitat for wildlife, and arts facilities serve to generate imaginative, inspirational and productive resources for sustaining the creative fabric of our community; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month and Gainesville, Florida recognizes the benefits derived from parks, recreation and cultural resources.

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

## *Parks, Recreation and Culture Month*

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me to celebrate, support and promote this observance and take advantage of the many benefits that our parks, recreation and culture programs and facilities provide.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of May, A.D., 2018.



Lauren Poe  
Mayor