

City of Gainesville, Florida  
Office of Mayor Lauren Poe  
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The mission of One Mom's Battle (OMB) and the Family Court Awareness Month Committee (FCAMC) is to increase awareness about the importance of a family court system that prioritizes child safety and acts in the best interest of children; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the FCAMC is to increase awareness about the importance of education and training on domestic violence, childhood trauma and post-separation abuse for all professionals working within the family court system; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the FCAMC is to educate judges and other family court professionals on the empirical data and research that is currently available. Such research is a critical component of making decisions that are truly in the best interest of children. This research includes The Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study (CDC-Kaiser Permanente), Saunder's Study (U.S. Department of Justice), The Meier Study: Child Custody Outcomes in Cases Involving Abuse Allegations, and the Santa Clara Law Study (Confronting the Challenge of High-Conflict Personality in Family Court); and

WHEREAS, The mission of the FCAMC is fueled by the desire for awareness and change in the family court system while honoring the 100+ children in the United States who have been murdered by a parent after a custody court rejected the other parent's plea for protection (according to the Center for Judicial Excellence).

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

*Family Court Awareness Month*

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in educating our community about Family Court Awareness.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 13th day of October, A.D., 2021.

  
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Lauren Poe  
Mayor

