

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe  
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Gainesville Art in Public Places Trust Public Art Award has been created to recognize those artists, art sponsors and other individuals and entities who have made significant contributions to the enhancement of the greater environment through public art; and

WHEREAS, artist Jenn Garrett is well known in Gainesville when it comes to her art, having been awarded in 2012 the Art in Public Places Trust commission to create a sculpture for the Main Street's Fire Station 1 which would honor the bravery and commitment of the men and woman fire fighters who serve our community. Her dramatic and powerful piece has recently been relocated from the previous Fire Station to the new facility nearby; and

WHEREAS, through the years Jenn Garrett also supported student artists by displaying their large sculpture works on her previous home's lawn along Northwest 34th Street; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Garrett was approached to create a series of 21 sculptures to honor the early founding donors of the Cade Museum for Creativity and Invention which would surround the new facility; and

WHEREAS, each sculpture she created represented the donor in profile and was designed to be seen as a face or a vase... this juxtaposition allowing the viewer's brain to toggle between the two images and serving as a reminder that two seemingly unrelated things work together in unison to create something beautiful. Ms. Garrett generously donated the work and materials for the sculptures to the Cade Museum; and

WHEREAS, Jenn Garrett's Cade Museum installation in Depot Park has provided a significant public art piece to be enjoyed by all who visit the area for years to come. Additionally, this work honors the significant contributors to the Museum, many of them also supporters of the arts and culture of our community. They inspire a diverse way of thinking, and encourage visitors to engage in contemplative thought surrounding art.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim March 21, 2019 as

*Jenn Garrett Day*

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in recognizing Jenn Garrett as the recipient of the 2018 Public Art Award and express our appreciation for her dedication to the arts in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, A.D., 2019.



Lauren Poe  
Mayor