

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe  
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Gainesville is the heart of Florida creativity, innovation, invention and making; and

WHEREAS, the creative industries play a major role in building and sustaining economic resilience for our community, providing jobs and generating government revenue, and are the cornerstone of tourism and downtown revitalization and increase our competitiveness in the global marketplace; and

WHEREAS, Greater Gainesville is home to many private businesses that employ more than 4,700 people in manufacturing products that are exported around the world, and account for 3.2% of the local workforce. Alachua County is home to 560 arts-related businesses that employ more than 2,800 people and account for 1.9% of the local workforce; and

WHEREAS, Gainesville is home to Gainesville Hackerspace, The Tech Toybox, MakeWork, the Cade Museum, Heartwood Studios, Hippodrome State Theatre, Library Makerspaces, Alachua County Schools STEAM Program and many other places of making; and

WHEREAS, Gainesville is home to the Gainesville 48 Hour Film Competition, ArtSpeaks, SwampCon, GLAM Craft Show, Startup Weekend, Hackathon, Menagerie in Motion Kinetic Derby and many other events that celebrate the various facets of local Making; and


WHEREAS, Making stimulates minds of all ages and reinforces the importance of developing hands-on skills that promote creativity, creative thinking, problem solving and teamwork. These skills are essential for careers in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math, which are growing the local economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim June 16-22, 2017 as

## *National Week of Making*

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in the creative act of Making.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, A.D., 2017.

  
Lauren Poe  
Mayor

