

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the International Day of Peace was established in 1981 by a resolution of the United Nations and the first Peace Day was observed in September 1982. In 2001, the United Nations General Assembly, by unanimous vote, adopted a resolution that established September 21st as an annual day of non-violence and cease-fire; and

WHEREAS, the day is dedicated to peace, and specifically the absence of war, such as might be occasioned by a temporary ceasefire in a combat zone; and

WHEREAS, to inaugurate the International Day of Peace, the "Peace Bell" is rung at UN Headquarters. The bell is cast from coins donated by children from all continents. It was given as a gift by the United Nations Association of Japan, and is referred to as "a reminder of the human cost of war." The inscription on its side reads: "Long live absolute world peace"; and

WHEREAS, all people must unite as a human family to deliver the right to peace. Let us stand in solidarity with civilians killed here and around the world, the traumatized families whose homes and futures lie in ruins and whose development has been set back by decades; and

WHEREAS, history has shown that, no matter how fierce, conflict can end, peace can prevail, reconciliation can triumph and we can celebrate the value of human diversity and the strength of our unity. Let us invest in peace, starting with ourselves, the community and the world; and

WHEREAS, individuals can wear White Peace Doves on this day to commemorate the International Day of Peace.

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

International Day of Peace 2019

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in working together to create lasting peace for all people locally and globally.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 10th day of September, A.D., 2019.



Lauren Poe
Mayor