

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe  
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, economic development promotes economic well-being and quality of life for this community by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base; and

WHEREAS, economic development attracts and retain high-quality jobs, develop a vibrant community, and improve the quality of life of this region; and

WHEREAS, initiatives that spark economic development are vital to create and retain jobs for Alachua County citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville, FL is home to the University of Florida which has advanced Florida's economic prosperity and quality of life for over one hundred years through advancements made by technological, scientific and design innovators; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville, FL is home to many successful incubators focused on supporting the needs of startup and fledgling companies. Among these: the Innovation Hub, the Center for Innovation and Economic Development, the Gainesville Technology and Entrepreneurship Center, Starter Space, Working Food; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville, FL is home to community organizations that value and promote economic development, entrepreneurship and innovation. Among these: Startup Gainesville, CareerSource, the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce, the Cade Museum Foundation, the Gainesville Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) among many more.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim May 7 - May 12, 2018 as

## **Economic Development Week**

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in recognizing such an important week.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, A.D., 2018.

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**Lauren Poe**  
**Mayor**