

1 **RESOLUTION NO. 210350**

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3 **City of Gainesville Resolution**
4 **In Support of Local Employers Mandating the COVID 19 Vaccine**

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6 **WHEREAS**, COVID 19 has impacted the world at large and continues to be a pervasive public health
7 crisis that has affected every area of our lives; and,

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9 **WHEREAS**, COVID 19 has claimed the lives over 285 Alachua County residents, has infected
10 thousands more and continues to be transmitted at very high rates locally; and,

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12 **WHEREAS**, relaxed masking protocols, low vaccination rates and the lack of other preventative
13 measures directly correlates to rising virus transmission; and,

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15 **WHEREAS**, federal agencies such as the US Department of Defense, Department of Health and
16 Human Services and the Department of Veteran Affairs and national corporations such as The Walt Disney
17 Company, Walmart and Google have mandated vaccines to protect their workforce, and;

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19 **WHEREAS**, our local front line healthcare workers are faced with high volumes of COVID 19 cases in
20 our local hospital network, forcing the cancelation of medically necessary procedures, and creating bed
21 shortages in our hospitals; and,

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23 **WHEREAS**, the City Commission, in an effort to protect our workforce and the neighbors we serve,
24 has mandated the masking of all individuals at all city facilities and the inoculation of all city employees with
25 the COVID 19 vaccine.

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27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF
28 GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA that the city urges all local employers, both public and private, to mandate masking
29 and vaccination of all employees that work in our community and that all employers make a concerted effort to
30 educate our neighbors as we work to keep our local economy viable through this crisis.

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32 PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of September 2021.

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37 Lauren Poe
38 Mayor

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45 Omichele Gainey, City Clerk
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