

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the third Monday in January is recognized as a National Holiday in memory and recognition of the life, deeds and principles espoused by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of the teachings and examples of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in his advocacy for nonviolent social change, have been felt worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Hall of Fame was established in 1986 to annually recognize citizens in this community who have made significant contributions to the furtherance of Dr. King's Dream; and

WHEREAS, the 32nd Annual Hall of Fame Banquet will be held at the Best Western Gateway Grand Hotel on January 7, 2018, in celebration and in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and those individuals enshrined in the Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, the following individuals have been inducted into the Hall of Fame: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Reverend Thomas A. Wright, Savannah Williams, Musheerah Shahid, Charles Chestnut III, Rosa B. Williams, C. W. Norton, A. Quinn Jones, Susie Mae White, Thomas Coward, Reverend James Cato, Dr. Arthur Sandeen, Russell Henry, Virgil Hawkins, Barbara Higgins, Joseph Judge, Dr. Joyce Cosby, Joseph Buchanan, Lucille Perkins, Carol Thomas, Pearlie Mae Hunt, Harriet Ludwig, Dr. E. A. Cosby, Dr. Cullen Banks, Vivian Filer, Jacqueline Hart-Williams, Hertecene Dee, Dr. Hazel Kirkland "Sister Hazel" Williams, Arupa Freeman, Daniel Harmeling, Ruth and Richard "Steve" Brown, Father John D. Gillespie, Pat Fitzpatrick, Chief Tony Jones, Dr. Vivian Haynes, Father Roland Julion and Dorcas "Candy" Ramseur.

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

Martin Luther King, Jr. Hall Of Fame Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in visiting the Martin Luther King, Jr. Hall of Fame and learning more about the achievements and contributions of our local citizens enshrined here.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 29th day of November, A.D., 2017.

Lauren Poe
Mayor