

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe  
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Florida Native Plant Society began in the summer of 1980 in Winter Park, Florida by a group of scientists, educators and conservationists concerned about the loss of Florida's native plants and the introduction of non-native species overtaking natural areas; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Florida Native Plant Society is the preservation, conservation and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida; and

WHEREAS, society now consists of 37 chapters and 3,950 members from all walks of life who volunteer their time, knowledge and skills in public workshops, participating in Land Management Reviews, restoration projects, workdays and teaching Floridians about the many benefits of native plants; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville has an incredible wealth of natural areas to showcase Florida's native plants and native plant communities; and

WHEREAS, Paynes Prairie Chapter of FNPS has over 300 members who participate in activities that benefit the citizens and environment of the City of Gainesville.

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

## *Florida Native Plant Month*

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in celebrating Florida Native Plant Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, A.D., 2017.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be "Lauren Poe". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Lauren Poe  
Mayor