

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Baha'i Community has been an integral part of the Municipality of Gainesville, embracing members from all races, nationalities and cultural backgrounds since the 1960s; and

WHEREAS, October 22, 2017, marks the 200th anniversary of the Birth of Baha'u'llah, the founder of the Baha'i Faith; and

WHEREAS, the Baha'i Community of Gainesville works to eliminate all forms of prejudice, to develop and enhance the spiritual life of the human family and to demonstrate the value and necessity of unity and diversity in neighborhoods across Gainesville; and

WHEREAS, the community-building activities undertaken by the Baha'i Community of Gainesville and their many collaborators seek to empower all participants to be agents of social change, working together for the betterment of the world; and

WHEREAS, the youth and junior youth service projects touch the greater community while building the capacity of young people to become aware of the effect of social forces, to articulate their feelings and perceptions and to channel their naturally altruistic nature into a means of achieving social good; and

WHEREAS, Baha'i gatherings, held throughout Gainesville and open to all, provide a social space for reflection and conversation to find their many points of unity; and

WHEREAS, the Baha'i Community of Gainesville is actively working to promote the equality of women and men; and

WHEREAS, the Baha'i Community of Gainesville, their families, friends, neighbors and colleagues are commemorating this bicentenary, along with Baha'i's across the world.


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim October 22, 2017 as

The Bicentennial Birthday of Baha'u'llah

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in celebration.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 25th day of August, A.D., 2017.




Lauren Poe
Mayor