

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe  
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville, Florida, is home to Cox Communications, a family-owned company known for: its pioneering efforts in broadband; its industry-leading customer care, as evidenced by its selection locally as "Best of the Best Internet Provider" for the last two years; its progressive values, as evidenced by its 13 years among Diversity, Inc.'s top 50 outstanding workplaces; and, its commitment to improving the quality of life in the communities where it operates, donating more than \$1.5 million in cash and in-kind services and 2,500 volunteer hours locally over the last three years; and

WHEREAS, Cox Communications is providing the foundation by which the city will become a New American City and since it began operating here has invested more than millions of private capital to build 2,500+ miles of world-class, fiber-hybrid infrastructure to reach 97 percent of homes in and around the City of Gainesville; and

WHEREAS, Cox Communications shares the city's goal of connecting all residents and, toward that end, was the first cable company to offer special rates for low-income families to ensure that affordability would not be an obstacle to broadband internet access; and

WHEREAS, Smart Cities need partners willing to build for the future when the Internet of Things will require faster speeds to accommodate what has yet to be imagined; and

WHEREAS, Cox Communications is such a partner, which has provided 10gig speeds to businesses for many years and which, recognizing Gainesville as a highly technology-driven (or savvy?) market, accelerated the completion of its \$20 million project to expand gigabit service to every single serviceable home in its Gainesville-area footprint.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim June 21, 2018 as

*the City of Gainesville is Fully Gig Enabled Day*

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of May, A.D., 2018.



  
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Lauren Poe  
Mayor