

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, October 5, 2019, marks the First Annual Vascular Access Specialty Day, organized by the Association for Vascular Access (AVA) to promote the advancement of the specialty of Vascular Access; and

WHEREAS, October 5th is chosen as the official day to commemorate the birthday of Suzanne Herbst, RN, founder of the Association for Vascular Access (originally BAVAN) to support and promote the specialty of vascular access; and

WHEREAS, greater than 90% of patients admitted to hospitals require some form of vascular access to receive lifesaving treatments; and

WHEREAS, vascular access needs transition through the continuum of care in outpatient settings, skilled nursing facilities and home infusion; and

WHEREAS, the Vascular Access Specialist is educated and experienced in the specialty, providing exceptional vascular access insertion, care and maintenance with the objective of promoting an optimal, proactive and intentional approach to preserve vasculature, improve clinical outcomes, enhance patient safety and educate all stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, clinicians who specialize and are certified in Vascular Access (VA-BC™) are an integral part of healthcare teams and keep patients safe from catheter complications, improve patient comfort and satisfaction and should therefore be available at every healthcare facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim October 5, 2019 as

Vascular Access Specialist's Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in promoting the advancement of the specialty of Vascular Access .

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 10th day of September, A.D., 2019.



Lauren Poe
Mayor