

City of Gainesville, Florida
Office of Mayor Lauren Poe
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, every year, over 36,000 Americans are killed in acts of gun violence and 73,000 more are shot and wounded; and

WHEREAS, by early February, more Americans are killed with guns than are killed in our peer countries in an entire calendar year; and

WHEREAS, a gun violence survivor is anyone who has personally experienced gun violence – whether you have witnessed an act of gun violence, been threatened or wounded with a gun, or had someone you know and cared for wounded or killed; and

WHEREAS, forms of gun violence can include, but are not limited to; gun suicides, gun homicides, domestic violence involving a gun, shootings by law enforcement, and unintentional shootings; and

WHEREAS, 58 percent of American adults or someone they care for has experienced gun violence in their lifetime, demonstrating the reach and impact gun violence has in communities across America; and

WHEREAS, firearms are the second leading cause of death for children and teens and the first leading cause of death for Black children and teens in America; and

WHEREAS, Americans in cities across the nation are working to end the senseless violence by advocating for common-sense gun safety legislation; and

WHEREAS, by commemorating National Gun Violence Survivors Week on February 1 to February 8, cities across America will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives stolen by gun violence; and

WHEREAS, we renew our commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our communities safe.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim February 1 to February 8, 2020 as

National Gun Violence Survivors Week

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me as we encourage all citizens to support their communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 22 day of January, A.D., 2020.



Lauren Poe
Mayor

