City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the United Nations was founded in 1945 and the anniversary of the day on which the UN Charter came into force is observed each year on October 24; and

WHEREAS, the work of the United Nations, through its many organs and agencies, is more vital than ever in promoting international peace and security, human rights, the health of our planet, economic development and freedom for all peoples; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations, with the adoption in 2015 of its 2030 Agenda, has pledged joint action across its organs and agencies, the donor communities and all countries so as to leave no one behind in delivering by 2030 on the 17 major Sustainable Development Goals that aim to end hunger and poverty, to achieve gender equality and quality education for all, to combat climate change and achieve environmental sustainability, and to actively address human suffering, by preventing conflict and alleviating the plight of refugees; and

WHEREAS, the United States, through the United Nations, has a long tradition of leading international efforts to improve health, education and economic growth in developing countries; and polls taken in the last five years consistently show that over 72% of American voters believe that the United Nations is an important global forum in which the United States needs to maintain an active role; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations Association of the USA, Gainesville Chapter, is committed to educating and mobilizing our local communities to create a more prosperous, just and sustainable world; and the Gainesville Chapter, has declared "Peace Matters...Why?" as its theme for the 2018 United Nations Day commemoration; and

WHEREAS, Masuma Downie and Saeed Khan have been appointed co-Chairs of the Committee in Gainesville to organize events and activities in celebration of United Nations Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim October 25, 2018 as

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in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in participating in all activities related to United Nations 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 15th day of August, A.D., 2018.

Jauren Poe Mayor