

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Hurricane Michael slammed into the Florida Panhandle with winds topping 155 miles an hour, causing extensive property damage and significant loss of life on October 10, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville, through its utility, Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU), is a member of the Florida Municipal Power Association and thus may request or provide mutual aid support to other Florida municipal utilities following major storms/hurricanes; and

WHEREAS, GRU Energy Delivery offered, and was called upon, to provide mutual aid support to Chattahoochee, Florida, in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael; and

WHEREAS, GRU Energy Delivery, in response to this request for mutual aid support, assembled and dispatched a 20-member workforce of David Sparks, Ray Jordan, William Hartwell, Eric Rose, Gary H. McKenzie, Mitch Richards, Ren Gallon, JD Whittle, Darren Evans, Gary Sutton, Kortland Key, Gary L. McKenzie, Ricky Benton, Jim Duel, Adam Ivy, Melodee Williams, Kris Templeton, Danny Roland, Keith Wheeler and Kelly McCoy; and

WHEREAS, these Energy Delivery crews, in a dangerous and uncomfortable work environment, with great personal sacrifice, contributed to the restoration of transmission and distribution lines, storm assessment, safety leadership and restoration coordination by senior Electric T&D Manager David Sparks that brought quick, safe, and effective relief to thousands of fellow Floridians suffering through this ordeal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim January 3, 2019 as

GRU Energy Delivery Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in recognizing those long hours, service above and beyond the call of duty, and great personal sacrifice, and in expressing our deepest appreciation to all of the men and women who provided mutual aid assistance following Hurricane Michael - as well as the GRU employees back home who worked additional hours in their absence by presenting this proclamation of gratitude and thanks to each of them.

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 December, A.D., 2018.



Lauren Poe
Mayor