

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Florida Certified Organic Growers and Consumers, Inc. (FOG) has a rich history in Gainesville and Alachua County building and operating school and community gardens, having partnered with the City of Gainesville, the school district, Alachua County, the University of Florida, local non-profit organizations and community groups; and

WHEREAS, FOG has worked to educate farmers, agricultural information providers, and the public about the techniques and benefits of organic agriculture practices, and to certify organic agriculture operations in the United States and around the world; and

WHEREAS, FOG has served diligently to improve the food system to be more secure, accessible, and balanced for society and the environment through many innovative certification efforts including ethical standards for workers, social and agricultural justice; and

WHEREAS, FOG has endeavored particularly to make healthy, organic food available to all through the innovative "Fresh Access Bucks" program, which encourages healthy behaviors by making fresh, local produce more affordable and accessible to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients while supporting Florida's farmers and enhancing our local economies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville wishes to recognize the efforts of FOG to promote sustainable, organic agriculture and to continue working together in a strong partnership.

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

The 30th Year Anniversary of Florida Certified Organic Growers and Consumers, Inc.

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in celebrating the 30 year anniversary of this Gainesville based not for profit organization.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 22nd day of May, A.D., 2017.




Lauren Poe
Mayor