

WHEREAS, AAPI communities in Gainesville have shared their rich culture and traditions while representing their communities through public service and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Diversity represents one of our greatest strengths, and by recognizing the contributions and accomplishments of AAPI persons, our city will put our values of inclusion into practice to build a brighter future for all of our residents; and

WHEREAS, Gainesville is committed to providing comprehensive support to ensure that Gainesville is equitable and welcoming to all people; and

WHEREAS, Each of us has a personal responsibility to prevent the spread of misinformation and stereotypes, to condemn violent acts in any form, to support all fellow community members, and to reject stigma, hate and bias in all its forms; and

WHEREAS, Gainesville is proud to celebrate AAPI Heritage Month, and to commemorate the essential contributions, sacrifices, and accomplishments that the AAPI community has made to our nation and city.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim May, 2022 as

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in the City of Gainesville and invite all our neighbors to join me as we call this observance to the attention of all our residents and encourage other local governing bodies to adopt the same recognition.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 2nd day of May, A.D., 2022.



Lauren Poe  
Mayor

