City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the goals of Manufacturing Month are to celebrate the impact manufacturing has on the Greater Gainesville Area, increase awareness about the benefits of a manufacturing career and attract students to future manufacturing jobs; and

WHEREAS, recognizing October 2016 as Manufacturing Month is an effective way to highlight the importance of manufacturing in our community and support those manufacturing and school programs that prepare our future workforce; and

WHEREAS, Alachua County's 200 manufacturers provide jobs for approximately 4,000 Alachua County citizens and create products ranging from body armor to surgical implants to antique wood flooring; and

WHEREAS, the Gainesville Area Chamber's Advanced Manufacturing Council and regional companies and education/workforce partners support manufacturing and manufacturing careers through increased collaboration and service to the area's manufacturing community; and

WHEREAS, coordination for Manufacturing Month student tours is led by the Chamber's Advanced Manufacturing Council to raise awareness among students about the variety of jobs available in manufacturing and inspire students to pursue areas of study such as business, design and engineering; and

WHEREAS, manufacturing brings increased economic diversity to our society by providing high-paying jobs at all skill levels and furthering our community's standard of living by focusing on technology, innovation and production.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim October, 2016 as

Manufacturing Month

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to discover the value manufacturing brings to our economy and to encourage students and educators to learn about the possibility of manufacturing as a career.

IN WINESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 20th day of September, A.D., 2016.

Lauren Poe Mayor