

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe  
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the month of November is recognized as National Hunger Awareness Month and is set aside to bring awareness of those citizens experiencing hunger daily; and

WHEREAS, nearly 51,000 of our citizens in Alachua County live in poverty and 8,000 of those are children who depend on nutrition assistance to put food on their tables. In March, 2016, leaders from our business, faith, civic, government and educational community came together to plan for the 2016 Strike Out Hunger Food Drive and Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville has been invited to participate in the countywide "Strike Out Hunger Food Drive"; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the Alachua County Strike Out Hunger Food Drive are; to build a safety net for those in need of food, increase the availability of food to those who are nutritionally challenged, bring awareness of the ever growing issue of hunger, develop a work plan to unite community food collections and to support our local food banks and pantries; and

WHEREAS, October 2<sup>nd</sup> - November 14<sup>th</sup> has been set aside for our partnering agencies to participate in this worthwhile cause. Each partner has agreed to sponsor a food drive in their local organization and to bring all donations of non-perishable goods to the Alachua County Fairgrounds on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.

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

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in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in support of the Strike Out Hunger Food Drive and Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway to help end hunger in this community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, A.D., 2016.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Lauren Poe", is written over a horizontal line.

Lauren Poe  
Mayor