City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Perry C. McGriff, Jr. served this community by donating over 67 gallons of life-giving blood and platelets; and

WHEREAS, Perry C. McGriff, Gr. worked to raise awareness of the need and the impact of blood donations and encouraged others to join him in this effort; and

WHEREAS, Perry C. McGriff, Gr. founded the Five Points of Tife Foundation and the Five Points of Tife Bike Ride, traveling by bicycle across the United States with a team of riders, spreading the word about the importance of donating blood, apheresis, marrow, umbilical cord blood and organs and tissues; and

WHEREAS, Perry C. McGriff, Jr. was a leader and lifesaving donor that served TifeSouth Community Blood Centers by helping patients in our community, giving a second chance at life to all kinds of people - a chance to recover and a chance to live; and

WHEREAS, Perry C. McGriff, Jr. was a lifelong blood donor, giving a priceless gift to cancer patients, those receiving organ or bone marrow transplants, victims of traumatic injuries and patients undergoing open heart surgery that requires lifesaving blood transfusions to survive; and

WHEREAS, volunteer donors, such as Perry C. McGriff, Ir., are the only source of blood for patients in need of lifesaving transfusions and a simple way to make a difference for people in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim March 6-10, 2017 as

Perry C. McGriff Jr. Lifetime Blood Donor Week

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to make the decision to donate and make the tremendous contribution of the gift-of-life.

IN WHINESS 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 February, A.D., 2017.

Lauren Poe Mayor