

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Marilyn Berry Thompson has provided the City of Gainesville with highly effective Washington representation for over two decades, beginning under the administration of the Honorable James Painter, former Mayor of the City of Gainesville; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Thompson was able to secure significant increased funding within federal appropriations and authorizations legislation totaling over \$70 million for Community Development and Parks; Economic Development; Housing and Homeless; Criminal Justice and Transportation; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Thompson was able to utilize both federal agency and Congressional interaction and advocacy, which played a critical role in the successful federal and congressional resolution of projects like Kennedy Homes, the MKK site, Cedar Grove housing and Depot Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Thompson played a key role in developing and facilitating an extensive intergovernmental collaboration and coordination effort to enhance the City's profile and presence at the federal level, which led to significant support from Congress for a number of high priority City objectives, including increased federal funding of the City's public transit needs and over \$30 million for key City road projects like S.W. 62nd Boulevard.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim September 21, 2017 as

Marilyn Berry Thompson Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in congratulating her on outstanding advocacy and performance with the City.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 6th day of September, A.D., 2017.

Lauren Poe
Mayor