

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe  
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Alachua County Council of the Blind is a charitable consumer advocacy membership organization for people who are blind and visually impaired; and

WHEREAS, the use of a guide dog or white cane is universally recognized as a mobility aide for the blind and visually impaired; and

WHEREAS, State of Florida Statute 316.1301, also known as "THE WHITE CANE LAW," requires that vehicles STOP when an individual and guide dog or an individual carrying a white cane with a red tip is crossing a public street or highway; and

WHEREAS, October of each year has been nationally designated as "White Cane Safety Month;" and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Alachua County Council of the Blind to make the public aware of "THE WHITE CANE LAW" and the necessity of its observance to assure the safety of individuals who are blind or visually impaired on Alachua County public streets.

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

## *White Cane Safety Awareness Month*

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in assuring the safety of individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, A.D., 2017.



Lauren Poe  
Mayor