

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville, Florida is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Gainesville; and

WHEREAS, US fire departments responded to 365,500 home fires in 2015 resulting in 2,560 civilian deaths, according to the National Fire Protection Association; and

WHEREAS, newer homes are built with lightweight materials that burn faster than older home constructions and many of today's products and furnishings produce toxic gases and smoke when burned, making it impossible to see and breathe within moments; and

WHEREAS, these conditions contribute to a much smaller window of time for people to escape a home fire safely, with people having as little as one to two minutes to escape from the time the smoke alarm sounds; and

WHEREAS, a home fire sprinkler can control a fire to allow more time for an immediate escape or protect the occupant until the Fire Department can come to their rescue; and

WHEREAS, a home fire escape plan includes two exits from every room in the home; a path to the outside from each exit; smoke alarms in all required locations; and a meeting place outside where everyone in the home will meet upon exiting; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" serves to educate the public about the vital importance of developing a home fire escape plan and practicing it twice each year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim October 8 - 14, 2017 as

Fire Prevention Week

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in participating in the City's fire prevention activities and efforts sponsored by Gainesville Fire Rescue.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 7th day of August, A.D., 2017.


Lauren Poe
Mayor

