

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe  
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, quality, affordable and accessible patient-centered healthcare, provided by skilled practitioners, contributes to the well-being and quality of life for all citizens of Gainesville, Florida; and

WHEREAS, physician assistants are often the first point of contact for many patients and play a vital role in helping patients understand their medical needs and empower them to become effective advocates for themselves; and

WHEREAS, physician assistants are academically and clinically prepared to provide healthcare services, including: the diagnosis and treatment of disease, providing surgical care and prescribing medications with the direction of a supervising physician; and

WHEREAS, a valuable asset to the medical community, physician assistants work side-by-side with physicians to enhance the delivery of high-quality healthcare for patients, often in medically underserved and rural areas, such as many patients in Gainesville, Florida; and

WHEREAS, physician assistants have earned the respect of the general public for their dedication and contributions to their patient's lives and for working together with the healthcare team to ensure delivery of more efficient and effective healthcare services.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim October 6-12, 2017 as

## *National Physician Assistant Week*

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in recognizing physician assistants for the significant impact they have made and continue to make in healthcare as a critical part of the healthcare team.

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 September, A.D., 2017.



Lauren Poe  
Mayor