

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, pharmacy is one of the oldest of the health professions concerned with the health and well-being of all people; and

WHEREAS, today there are more than 300,000 pharmacists licensed in the United States providing services to ensure the safe and effective use of all medications; and

WHEREAS, the safe and effective use of medication, as a cost-effective alternative and a mechanism to avoid more expensive medical procedures, is a major force in moderating overall health care costs; and

WHEREAS, today's powerful and complex medications require greater attention to the manner in which they are used by different patient population groups—both clinically and demographically; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all users of prescription and nonprescription medications, their families or their caregivers, be knowledgeable about and share responsibility for their own drug therapy; and

WHEREAS, pharmacists have extensive education and expertise on drugs and medication therapy, which makes them ideally suited to work collaboratively with patients and their health care team members to improve medication use and outcomes; and

WHEREAS, pharmacists provide patients with expertise, knowledge and accessibility, all crucial factors to support improvement in our nation's public health; and

WHEREAS, pharmacists are best positioned to be the health care professionals to help patients improve their adherence to their medications, and provide patient care services that ensure optimal medication therapy outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the American Pharmacists Association, Florida Pharmacy Association and the Alachua County Association of Pharmacists have declared October as American Pharmacists Month with the theme "Know Your Pharmacist, Know Your Medicine."

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

American Pharmacists Month

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in acknowledging the valuable services of pharmacists to provide safe, affordable and beneficial pharmaceutical care services and products to all citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 5th day of September, A.D., 2017.



Lauren Poe
Mayor