## City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, America has been continually renewed and enriched by the many different people who choose to come here and become our fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, there are over 500,000 Taiwanese Americans in the United States, with a significant Taiwanese American population in the City of Gainesville; and

WHEREAS, Taiwanese Americans have made enormous contributions to the diversity and prosperity of American society, consistently contributing to the promotion of democracy and security of their homeland; and

WHEREAS, Taiwanese Americans have succeeded as successful and notable artists, Nobel Laureate scientists, researchers, human rights activists, and business leaders; and

WHEREAS, Taiwanese Americans can be proud of their roots and of their vital role in the continued growth of our nation; and

WHEREAS, the United States provides safety and security guarantees to Taiwan for the preservation of its democracy; and

WHEREAS, due to American support, Taiwan's voice is heard while it strives for participation in international organizations, such as the World Health Organization and the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, Taiwanese American Heritage Week recognizes the longstanding friendship between the United States and Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, during this special week, Taiwanese Americans are able to embrace America's diversity and celebrate the spirit of community that binds us together as one nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim May 13-20, 2018 as

## **Taiwanese American Heritage Week**

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in observing this week.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, A.D., 2018.

Lauren Poe Mayor