## City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the bicycle plays an important role in the lives of many Gainesville residents, serving as an integral form of transportation; furthermore, the education of cyclists and motorists as to the proper operation of bicycles is important to ensure the safety and comfort of all users; and

WHEREAS, a popular form of recreation, bicycling is important to the rich and varied cultural events held in this City; while bicycling helps to motivate ecotourism and historical preservation through the conversion of former rail corridors to multi-use trails; and

WHEREAS, increased bicycle usage promotes health and wellness in the City and encourages citizens to be more active and physically fit; and

WHEREAS, promotion of bicycling has contributed significantly to economic development by providing convenient access to local businesses, and brings many visitors from other communities to participate in cycling activities and experience Gainesville's beautiful scenery, many parks, natural attractions and unique vibe.

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

## National Bike Month

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in celebrating National Bike Month events.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, A.D., 2018.

Lauren Poe Mayor