City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, as the citizens of Gainesville recognize the vital role that water safety education plays in preventing drowning and recreational water-related injuries, local support for National Water Safety Month is being acknowledged by the City of Gainesville; and

WHEREAS, as the popularity of swimming and other water-related recreational activities continue to expand throughout the City of Gainesville, and the resulting need for ongoing education on safer water practices is crucial; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Gainesville can be guaranteed the safest water-related recreational programs as they participate in activities provided by the City's wonderful facilities, operated by trained professional staff who strive to help patrons achieve maximum safety; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville creates, develops, and initiates quality aquatic programs that are designed with the safety and well-being of all participates; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville will be participating in the World's Targest Swimming Tesson $^{\text{TM}}$ on Thursday, June 21, 2018 as a culmination of the month long celebration of Water Safety Month. The World's Targest Swimming Tesson is an annual worldwide simultaneous free swim lesson event seeking to break the world record for the most swim lesson participants at one time. But more importantly, it is a tremendous opportunity to promote the value of swim lessons, water safety, and water awareness in our community in a safe, fun and organized manner.

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 Water Safety Month

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in promoting and participating at one of our many municipal swimming pools, aquatic programs, and other water-related activities throughout the community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 7^{th} day of May, A.D., 2018.

Jauren Poe Mayor