

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe  
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Working Food supports local food as a catalyst for change and continued discussion in our County; creating and encouraging economic, social and environmental benefits; both direct and indirect within our community; and

WHEREAS, local food is an 8.3 billion dollar business for the state of Florida, employing almost 200,000 people a year; and

WHEREAS, increasing food dollars spent in North Central Florida markets supports the local economy and has a beneficial multiplier effect; and

WHEREAS, entrepreneurship in food can offer many opportunities for job growth and innovation while strengthening our community's resiliency and access to safe and fresh food; and

WHEREAS, Working Food, in cooperation with many other like-minded organizations such as Florida Organic Growers, is helping to bring awareness to the local food movement and create connections in our community through this week of local food centered events; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim February 10 -16, 2019 as

## *Local Food Week*

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in bringing awareness to the local food movement and creating connection throughout our community through the week of local food centered 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, A.D., 2019.



  
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Lauren Poe  
Mayor