

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Gainesville encourages all citizens to take inspiration in Joe Strummer's message, "In fact, punk rock means exemplary manners to your fellow human being," as we work together to create an inclusive, welcoming community for all; and

WHEREAS, Gainesville has been a hub of musical creativity and played a pivotal role in the history of rock and roll used as a tool for social progress and change; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville has long been recognized as playing a vital role in the musical and artistic culture of the United States and beyond, and represented to the world the progressive values of diversity, tolerance and multiculturalism, as well as a bit of rock and roll rebellion; and

WHEREAS, the civically and globally minded City of Gainesville wishes to join with other likeminded cities across the globe in celebrating International Clash Day; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville reaffirms that this city is a Sanctuary City and Hate-Free Zone, committed to a set of values including inclusivity, tolerance, diversity and hope; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville adheres to the belief in the immortal words of Joe Strummer, "People can change anything they want to, and that means everything in the world."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim February 7, 2019 as

International Clash Day 2019

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me to Rock the Casbah.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 7th day of February, A.D., 2019.

Lauren Poe
Mayor