

City of Gainesville, Florida

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Office of Mayor Lauren Poe PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, for over a century, Arab Americans have made valuable contributions to every aspect of American society, including medicine, law, business, education, technology, government, military service and culture; and

WHEREAS, since migrating to America, men and women of Arab descent have shared their culture and traditions with neighbors and friends, serving as role models of citizenship and public service; and

WHEREAS, Americans of Arab descent have helped infuse our nation with strong and resilient family values, a strong work ethic, a dedication to education and a diversity of faith traditions that have helped strengthen and broaden the foundations of our great democratic republic; and

WHEREAS, Arab Americans have also enriched our society by sharing the entrepreneurial American spirit that helps make our nation free, innovative and prosperous; and

WHEREAS, they join all Americans in the desire to see a peaceful and diverse society, where every individual is treated equally and feels safe.

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

Arab American Heritage Month

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in celebrating with our Arab American family, friends and neighbors and learning more about Arab culture and contributions to Gainesville and the United States of America.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 27th day of March, A.D., 2019.

Lauren Poe
Mayor