City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe PROCLAMATION File #180875

WHEREAS, libraries are not just about what they have for people, but what they do for and with people; and

WHEREAS, libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions, that fuel efforts to better their communities, the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians look beyond their traditional roles and provide transformative opportunities for education, employment, entrepreneurship, empowerment and engagement, that connect closely with community needs; and

WHEREAS, librarians continue to lead the way in leveling the playing field for all who seek information and access to technologies including training for new technologies, STEAM programming and Makerspaces; and

WHEREAS, the Alachua County Tibrary District serves 266,944 residents of Alachua County; and is a leader in providing free library services to all residents of the State of Florida. It plays a significant role in building a better community by creating opportunities to participate, connect and discover.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim April 7-13, 2019 as

Library Appreciation Week

in the City of Gainesville and encourage all residents to visit the library this week and explore what's new at your library, and engage with your librarian.

IN WHONESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 20th day of March, A.D., 2019.

Lauren Poe Mayor