City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, emergency services is a vital public service provided by Gainesville Fire Rescue (GFR): and

WHEREAS, the members of GFR and Gainesville's EMS partners are ready to provide timely Advanced Tife Support to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week during natural and man-made disasters; and

WHEREAS, rapid access to quality emergency care and continuity of care from CPR/First-aid trained community members who have enrolled in the PulsePoint program and first responders dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, the scope of Emergency Medical Services provided by Gainesville Fire Rescue is growing to fill a need of the citizens by providing a bevy of out of hospital care including preventative medicine assistance, follow-up care plans, and assistance in accessing social services through GFR's Community Resource Paramedicine Program; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Medical Services system consists of trained members of the public, first responders, Emergency Medical Technicians, Paramedics, Emergency Medical Dispatchers, Nurses, Physicians Assistants, Physicians, Educators, Administrators, other medical care providers and staff; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to bring together the local community and the personnel who provide day-to-day lifesaving services for medicine's "front line" by designating Emergency Medical Services Week and this year's theme of "Beyond the Call".

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim May 19 - 25, 2019 as

Emergency Medical Services Week

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in recognizing the accomplishments of Gainesville's EMS providers and in encouraging all citizens in our community to become part of the EMS system through CPR. First Aid training and enrollment in the Pulse Point program.

IN WHTNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 29th day of April, A.D., 2019.

Lauren Poe Mayor