City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville is home to many parks and trails and celebrates the preservation and expansion of green space to the benefit of both residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Depot Park parkrun seeks to increase public awareness and appreciation of our City's parks and connect our communities through an emphasis on inclusiveness, a healthy lifestyle and improving public health; and

WHEREAS, as of August 1, 2019, Depot Park parkrun has held 45 weekly 5K events with more than 530 people participating ranging in age from children to seniors. Many participants are from Gainesville, but Depot Park parkrun has also had visitors from 15 different US states and 7 countries worldwide, including the UK, Brazil and New Zealand! Together participants have run or walked a total distance of 5,518 miles (8,880 km). These events are completely volunteer supported; and

WHEREAS, on September 7, 2019 at 7:30 am, Depot Park parkrun will celebrate its 50th parkrun supporting community and health with another free, weekly 5K walk or run, inclusive to all regardless of age or ability.

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

Depot Park Parkrun Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in recognizing this important event and its participants and volunteers working towards improving the quality of life in the City of Gainesville.

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 August, A.D., 2019.

Lauren Poe Mayor