

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville, Florida is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Gainesville; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, home fires killed 2,630 people in the United States in 2017, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) and four out of five US fire deaths occur in homes each year; and

WHEREAS, residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will be more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS, Gainesville's residents should make a home escape plan and practice with everyone in the household, including visitors, at least twice a year, during the day and at night; and

WHEREAS, residents should teach children to escape on their own in case adults can't help them; and

WHEREAS, residents should make sure everyone in the home knows how to call 9-1-1 from a cell phone or a neighbor's phone; and

WHEREAS, Gainesville's residents, in a real emergency, should get low and go under the smoke to get out quickly; and residents should get out and stay out, never going back inside the home for people, pets, or things; and

WHEREAS, home fire sprinklers save lives and are very affordable to install in new construction; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!™" reminds us that we need to take personal steps to increase our safety from fire.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim October 6-12, 2019 as

Fire Prevention Week

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in participating in the City's fire prevention activities and efforts sponsored by Gainesville Fire Rescue.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 10th day of September, A.D., 2019.



Lauren Poe
Mayor

