

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the city of Gainesville has officially recognized INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY to honor and remember those Indigenous people who occupied this country (presently known as America) before the arrival of Columbus and other conquistadors; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous People's Day is now celebrated the second Monday in October; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous People's Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Elders representing their respective Native Nations at the U.N. sponsored international Conference on Discrimination against the Indigenous People in America; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Gainesville and Alachua County recognize the importance of officially honoring these Indigenous people by affording them the right to a diverse and dignified culture of language, religion, traditions, and histories; and to endeavor to reflect these values in our education and public information; and

WHEREAS, our city will continue to strive to eliminate prejudice and discrimination and support Native People's claim to a rich history and equality in our City of Gainesville.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim October 14, 2019 as

Indigenous People's Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in the city of Gainesville. I invite all our citizens to join me in honoring our indigenous people by recognizing their contributions to our society and their perseverance against all odds. We no longer refer to Columbus Day as a holiday, but instead share in the celebration of those people who were the first citizens to inhabit this country.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 24th day of September, A.D., 2019.



Lauren Poe
Mayor