

City of Gainesville, Florida  
Office of Mayor Lauren Poe  
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Turner Syndrome (TS) is a chromosomal condition that occurs when one of the two X chromosomes normally found in females is missing or contains structural defects; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no known cause for TS, which affects approximately one out of every 2,500 live female births; and

WHEREAS, there are over 70,000 women and girls with TS living in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of TS can vary depending on the severity of the chromosomal defect, but almost all girls and women with the syndrome experience ovarian failure and infertility, while other characteristics of TS may include short stature, congenital heart disease, osteoporosis, type II diabetes and non-verbal learning disabilities; and

WHEREAS, A disproportionately small amount of funding is available for Turner syndrome research and support; and

WHEREAS, The University of Florida's Turner Syndrome Center of Excellence is one of the only centers in the southeastern U.S. that provides specialized care to girls and women with TS, caring for infants, children, adolescents and young adults, and is capable of addressing many of the manifestations in a single clinic visit using a team-based approach; and

WHEREAS, The goal of the University of Florida's Turner Syndrome Center of Excellence is to provide state of the art, comprehensive care to girls and women by employing a multidisciplinary approach and consolidated care addressing its major manifestations with a team comprised of an endocrinologist with specialized interest in TS, a cardiologist with expertise in cardiac imaging, as well as psychology and nutrition services; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of TS Awareness Month provides the opportunity to share experience and information with the public and the media, in order to raise public awareness about Turner Syndrome and the University of Florida's Turner Syndrome Center of Excellence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim February, 2020 as

Turner Syndrome Awareness Month

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in raising the public's awareness about Turner Syndrome and the University of Florida's Turner Syndrome Center of Excellence.,

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 12th day of February, A.D., 2020.

Lauren Poe  
Mayor

