## City of Gainesville, Florida Office of Mayor Lauren Poe PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Gainesville Art in Public Places Trust Public Art Award has been created to recognize those artists, art sponsors and other individuals and entities who have made significant contributions to the enhancement of the greater environment through public art; and

WHEREAS, Public Art Award recipient Oaklianna Caraballo has demonstrated her overall dedication to public art in Gainesville and Alachua County in many ways through her quality administration of the Art in State Building program at the University of Florida. In this program, the University carefully assesses and attempts to accommodate access to the arts for all citizens on a statewide level; and

WHEREAS. Oaklianna Carballo is a best practices proponent and is meticulous in her administration of this art program. She has brought together community members from the various field involved in our work, and is patient in making sure art selection processes are clear and productive for all involved; and

WHEREAS, Oaklianna Caraballo is an active Board Member in the Florida Association of Public Art Administrators, the statewide organization founded in 1997. She works with artists, architects, project managers, and also compares notes with our peers, and is active in conversations in the field from technology to maintenance to ordinances. Professionalism, and respect for artists and their rights is inherent in her approach to the development of our public art projects on the University of Florida main campus and throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, as a University of Florida Graduate Student, coming from Florida State University, Oaklianna Caraballo has settled in Gainesville like so many alumni. She has grown and prospered, managing her life through many incarnations of Gainesville's growth. From school to Aerial Dance, to Capoeira, to a fabulous marriage and two wonderful children, she is a healthy, well-balanced, good-hearted example of a Gainesville young professional. She is intelligent, open minded, has many friends, is well-respected, and is a truly good person... the most beautiful attribute of all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim March 5, 2020 as

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in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in recognizing Oaklianna Caraballo and expressing our appreciation for her dedication to the cultural life of our community.

IN WHONESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 17th day of January, A.D., 2020.

Jauren Poe Mayor

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