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**WHEREAS**, The ongoing COVID-19 crisis has impacted every American's life in one way or another, leading to a historic loss of jobs while also exposing pre-existing issues in local, state and federal economic systems; and

**WHEREAS**, Research has shown a growing racial wealth gap, with the median white worker making 28% more on average than a black worker, and 35% more than the median Latinx worker in the last quarter of 2019. The median wealth of white families is more than \$100,000 while the median wealth of black families is approximately \$10,000; and

**WHEREAS**, In order to address these inequalities, a coalition of mayors across the country – from Oakland, CA to Gainesville, FL – have committed to advocating in favor of cash-based guaranteed income policies; and

**WHEREAS**, Ongoing, direct cash payments will put real money in the pockets of people across the country and increase spending in our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Providing an income floor that would support families during this economic and public health crisis will benefit those individuals receiving ongoing cash assistance and the community at large; and

45           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE**  
46 **CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA:**

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48       That the City supports the efforts of the Mayor's for a Guaranteed Income and supports ongoing,  
49 direct cash payments throughout the pandemic and until our economy recovers;

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51       That the City urges President Biden, Speaker Pelosi and Leader Schumer to develop an ongoing  
52 federal guaranteed income that provides an income floor for all Americans.

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54       This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

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56 **PASSED and ADOPTED** this 18th day of February 18, 2021.


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59           Lauren B. Poe, Mayor  
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