

City of Gainesville, Florida  
Office of Mayor Lauren Poe  
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Terence "Terry" Patrick Fleming was born in Bloomington, Illinois in 1961, served his nation honorably in the United States Navy and, to the great fortune of our city, chose to make his home in Gainesville; and

WHEREAS, Terry was an activist's activist and a patriot in the best sense of the word who believed with every fiber of his being in serving all the communities that made up his world with all the energy he could muster; and

WHEREAS, No other activist has done more to demand that LGBT rights are basic human rights, and to help everyone understand that the LGBT community "is comprised of men and women from all walks of life and are active participants in making our community vibrant in spirit," in his own words from twenty years ago; and

WHEREAS, Terry's work in developing the Pride Community Center of North Central Florida into a national model of service that changes and saves lives will never be duplicated; and

WHEREAS, The success of Gainesville's annual Pride Celebration is an ongoing testament to Terry's dynamism and dedication; and

WHEREAS, In addition to Terry's leadership in the LGBT community, his impact on the local Episcopal Church and Democratic Party communities and on the local struggle to improve the lives of our homeless and hungry neighbors cannot be overstated; and

WHEREAS, When our community suddenly lost Terry Fleming on April 28, 2020, we lost a man who was a true friend to more people than we will ever know, a dedicated uncle and brother, a devoted son and a loving husband.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim April 28, 2021 as

**Terry Fleming Day**

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in honoring him for his contributions to the life of our community and in treasuring the blessing of his memory.

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 April, A.D., 2021.

  
Lauren Poe  
Mayor

