

City of Gainesville, Florida  
Office of Mayor Lauren Poe  
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Parks, recreation and culture are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including Gainesville, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Our parks, recreation and cultural activities are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of a community and region; and

WHEREAS, Our parks, recreation and cultural programs play an important role in eliminating racial disparities in our community and provide a welcoming space for all; and

WHEREAS, Parks, recreation and cultural programs build vibrant, healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, and also improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, Parks, recreation and cultural programs increase a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS, Parks and natural recreation areas are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS, Our parks and natural recreation areas improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development and produce habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, Our parks, recreation areas and arts facilities serve to generate imaginative, inspirational and productive resources for sustaining the creative fabric for our community; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and Gainesville, Florida recognizes the benefits derived from our parks, recreation and cultural resources.

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

**Parks, Recreation and Culture Month**

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in celebrating, supporting, and promoting this observance and to take advantage of the many benefits that our parks, recreation and cultural programs and facilities provide.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 30th day of June, A.D., 2021.

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Lauren Poe  
Mayor