City of Gainesville, Florida Office of Mayor Jauren Poe PROCIAMATION

WHEREAS, Gastroparesis is a condition in which sufferers experience severe pain and physiological problems resulting from abnormal function of gastric motility. Symptoms can result in social isolation, economic hardship, disability, and in some cases, even death; and

WHEREAS, Gastroparesis is considered rare and may be understudied and underrepresented in the general population; and

WHEREAS, More than 5 million Americans suffer from gastroparesis, including many individuals living in Gainesville; and

WHEREAS, There is currently no cure for gastroparesis and treatment options are sometimes ineffective. Increased awareness and research offer hope for greater understanding, faster diagnosis, improved quality of medical care, and improved quality of life for patients and their families; and

WHEREAS, Ambre Minty, a patient who advocates on behalf of herself and other patients living with gastroparesis, encourages communities to celebrate Gastroparesis Awareness Month each August; and

WHEREAS, We seek to recognize the contributions of the professional medical community, patients, and family members who are working to educate our citizens about gastroparesis in Gainesville.

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

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in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in educating our community about this condition.

AN OWITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 14th day of June, A.D., 2021.

Jauren Poe

Mayor