

City of Gainesville, Florida
Office of Mayor Lauren Poe
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Latino and Hispanic population, itself incredibly diverse with members being of indigenous, African, and European descent, speaking many different languages - make up nearly 10% of Gainesville and is only increasing; and

WHEREAS, our Latino and Hispanic neighbors provide the labor that makes our economic growth possible, representing the second highest ethnicity proportionally in the labor force - earning over \$650 million, millions of which went to state and local taxes; and

WHEREAS, organizations such as the Latin American Business Alliance illustrate to our community the integral part Latinos play in the creation of new businesses in our community; and

WHEREAS, groups such as Latina Women's League highlight the rich culture our Hispanic neighbors contribute to Gainesville and provide resources such as English learning classes so our Latino neighbors may have better access to our community; and

WHEREAS, programs such as Migrant Education work to provide children of migrant workers receive an equitable education and grassroots organizations like Madres Sin Fronteras work to protect the rights of immigrants - helping to ensure new arrivals are treated with dignity and respect and their children receive the foundation necessary to continue help build our community tomorrow.


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim September 15 - October 15, 2022 as

Hispanic Heritage Month

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our neighbors to join me in recognition of the achievements of the Hispanic community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 4th day of October, A.D., 2022.





Lauren Poe
Mayor