

WHEREAS, pharmacy is one of the oldest healthcare professions concerned with the health and well-being of all people; and

WHEREAS, pharmacists are educated individuals with expertise in medication therapy, and are ideally suited to work collaboratively with other health care providers and patients to improve medication use; and

WHEREAS, pharmacists provide both knowledge and accessibility, which is crucial to patients fully optimizing access to medications that are not always self-administered, such as, but not limited to immunizations; and

WHEREAS, the American Pharmacists Association, and the Florida Pharmacists Association have both proclaimed, October as American Pharmacists Month with the theme "Your Pharmacist: Improving Health and Increasing Access".

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harvey L. Ward, Jr., by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim October, 2023 as

American Pharmacists Month

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our neighbors to join me in celebrating our pharmacists, giving thanks and appreciation for the very important role they play in our communities and lives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 20th day of September, A.D., 2023.



Harvey L., Waser Jr., May St