

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe  
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville has long benefited from the presence of Veterans For Peace Chapter 14, whose mission states "We, having dutifully served our nation, do hereby affirm our greater responsibility to serve the cause of world peace;" and

WHEREAS, the cost of war is high and is paid in the lives of the daughters and sons of our community and those of communities around the world; and

WHEREAS, the members of Veterans for Peace Chapter 14 and more than 100 volunteers have, on every Memorial Day Weekend since 2007, held a solemn "Memorial Mile" display on NW 8th Avenue including temporary tombstones for every US soldier killed in the Iraq and Afghan wars to date, offering families and friends of those soldiers and the general public an opportunity to pay tribute to the lives lost; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Gainesville has chosen to thank Veterans For Peace Chapter 14 by permanently naming the section of NW 8th Avenue where the annual display occurs "Memorial Mile;" and

WHEREAS, on Monday, November 11, 2019, a ceremony will be held at the site of "Memorial Mile" to unveil signage honoring the annual event as well as Veterans For Peace Chapter 14.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim November 11-15, 2019 as

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in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me encourage the people of our city to consider the costs of war and invite them to attend the annual Memorial Mile display each year to honor those who have given all in service to their nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, A.D., 2019.



Lauren Poe  
Mayor