WHEREAS, October 5th, 2020, marks the Second Annual Vascular Access Specialty Day, organized to promote the advancement of the specialty of Vascular Access; and

WHEREAS, October 5th is chosen as the official day which commemorates the birthday of Suzanne Herbst, RN, founder of the Association for Vascular Access (originally BADAN) in 1985 to support and promote the specialty of vascular access; and

WHEREAS, Greater than 90% of patients admitted to hospitals require some form of vascular access to receive life-saving treatments and vascular access played a critical role in treating patients during the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Vascular access needs transition through the continuum of care and are managed by specialists in all care settings, including outpatient, skilled nursing facilities and home infusion; and

WHEREAS, The Vascular Access Specialist is educated and experienced in the specialty, providing exceptional vascular access insertion, care and maintenance with the objective of promoting an optimal, proactive and intentional approach to preserve vasculature, improve clinical outcomes, enhance patient safety and educate all stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, Clinicians who specialize and are certified in Vascular Access (VA-BC™) are an integral part of healthcare teams and keep patients safe from catheter complications, improve patient comfort and satisfaction.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim October 5, 2020 as

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in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in recognizing VASCULAR ACCESS SPECIALISTS for the significant impact they have made and continue to make in healthcare as a critical part of the healthcare team.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 8th day of September, A.D., 2020.

Lauren Poe
Mayor