

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Altrusa International of Gainesville, Inc. is a member of Altrusa International, Inc. a global non-profit organization, bettering local communities through leadership, partnership and service and is celebrating our 60th Anniversary on October 19, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Altrusa International of Gainesville, Inc. promotes better communities through literacy, vocational, and international committees that endeavor to network individuals with diverse backgrounds and experiences. Altrusa continues its community work by supporting Terwilliger Elementary School with supplies, support for teachers, and special projects. Each year, we also recognize students at all county middle schools with cash prizes for gains in literacy. House of Hope, Displaced Homemakers at Santa Fe, Women's Answer Medical Clinic, Guardian ad Litem, Endowed Scholarship Program at Santa Fe College and Youth Chorus are a few other examples of Altrusa's ongoing community support. Also, Altrusa co-hosts receptions for newly minted U.S. citizens at the naturalization ceremonies; established "Marilyn Little" scholarships for international students studying at UF with the plan to return and better their own home community; among other projects; and

WHEREAS, Altrusa International of Gainesville, Inc. decided in 1992 to develop a facility to provide a safe, stimulating, daytime environment for individuals who require medical services; and in six years by 1998, Altrusans raised enough funds to open Altrusa House. Along with the assistance of the City of Gainesville, Rotary and Kiwanis clubs, and a community of many, many caring individuals, Altrusa House is now celebrating its 20th Anniversary on October 19, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Altrusa House, managed by Easter Seals Florida, Inc. is serving a distinctive adult population in our community who, without the existence of Altrusa House, would not have a place to gather on a daily basis in a safe environment. Altrusa House has provided an important service to hundreds of citizens; all having in common the need for supervised care during the day. Some have been elderly, some with varying degrees of disabilities, some with medical needs, and some simply with the need to be in a safe social setting where they may interact with others; and

WHEREAS, we are especially proud, with the cooperation of the Veterans Administration, Altrusa House has served a large and growing number of local veterans, providing them with the care and the dignity they deserve; and

WHEREAS, this is an exceptional year for Altrusa International of Gainesville, Inc. and Altrusa House of Gainesville, Inc. celebrating their 60/20 Anniversaries on October 19, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim the 60/20 Anniversaries Celebration of Altrusa International of Gainesville and Altrusa House of Gainesville October, 2018 as

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in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in extending recognition and appreciation to Altrusa International and Altrusa House for their 60/20 Anniversaries celebrating their service and contributions to the City of Gainesville 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 13th day of September, A.D., 2018.



Lauren Poe
Mayor