

RESOLUTION NO. 180223

A resolution of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida, to adopt a resolution encouraging residents to educate themselves regarding the voter referendum to create the Children's Trust of Alachua County.

WHEREAS, children are the future of the City of Gainesville and it is important that our community actively ensures that they are provided a positive start to life; and

WHEREAS, we place the utmost value on the support, education, and encouragement of children in our community and recognize the value of our community's schools and programs for children; and

WHEREAS, Alachua County Board of County Commissioners recognized the needs of children in our county and responded by establishing Children's Service Advisory Board to focus on early childhood development and appropriated funding for innovative and collaborative programs;

WHEREAS, the Children's Services Advisory Board has worked to implement a Healthy Baby Nurse Home Visit program, a Transform Professional Development for Early Care and Education Providers program, and programs to address the social and emotional needs of children and families in the county; and

WHEREAS, Alachua County has placed a voter referendum on the November 6, 2018 general election ballot. If approved by Alachua County voters, it will establish the Children's Trust of Alachua County, an independent special district that will coordinate, fund, and expand programs for children in the county; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Trust of Alachua County is intended to increase efficiency of the delivery of services with accountable oversight, and fund developmental, preventative, and supportive services to children aged zero to eighteen based on studied needs in our community; and

WHEREAS the Children's Trust of Alachua County is granted the authority to levy an ad valorem tax not to exceed one-half (0.5) mill in order to provide guaranteed funding for children's services with a strategic, cooperative, long-term vision for the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA:

That the Gainesville City Commission urges the residents of our community to educate themselves regarding the November 6, 2018 voter referendum to create the Children's Trust of Alachua County.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2018.

LAUREN B. POE, MAYOR

Approved as to form and legality

ATTEST:

OMICHELE D. GAINNEY
CLERK OF THE COMMISSION

NICOLLE M. SHALLEY
CITY ATTORNEY