

# City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Lauren Poe  
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Atrusa International of Gainesville, Inc. (Atrusa) is a member of Atrusa International, Inc., a global non-profit organization bettering local communities through leadership, partnership and service; and

WHEREAS, Atrusa encourages members to reach their full potential in service and community leadership and promotes better communities through service by a network of people with diverse backgrounds and experiences; and

WHEREAS, Atrusa provides an adult day health care facility, Atrusa House, managed by Easter Seals, enriching the lives of clients through their volunteer efforts assisting in activities such as field trips, parties, music and arts, current event discussions, gardening, etc.; and

WHEREAS, Atrusa sponsors the Alachua County Annual Read-In, calling on Atrusans and members of the community to come together for one week each fall to read to every kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade class in Alachua County public schools to instill a love of reading. In addition, the club donates books to each school's media library each year during the Read In; and

WHEREAS, Atrusa participates in Gainesville's Naturalization Ceremony held at the courthouse each month by welcoming new citizens, their families and their friends with coffee and lemonade after the ceremony; and

WHEREAS, Atrusa sponsors an annual "Make A Difference Day (MADD)" event for our community providing services for agencies such as Her House of Hope, where Atrusans gathered monetary donations to establish a library; and

WHEREAS, working with the Alachua County School Board, Atrusa sponsors an annual "Stuff the Bus" campaign, providing much needed supplies and funds for homeless children of Alachua County; and

WHEREAS, Atrusa inspires education through the Atrusa Endowed Scholarship Program at Santa Fe College, established in 1976, providing four scholarships each year assisting women over the age of 25 who seek to change direction, pursue new career opportunities, or to re-enter the job market after raising a family; and

WHEREAS, Atrusa inspires education by providing "Marilyn Little" scholarships to international students at the University of Florida by providing Middle School Literacy Awards for a student in each middle school in Alachua County who has shown exceptional progress during the year, nominated by his/her teacher and through member participation in an annual "Pen Pal" program with 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students at Williams Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Atrusa sponsors the Ability, Service, Training, Responsibility and Achievement Club (ASTRA) at the University of Florida, a volunteer organization for young adults; and

WHEREAS, Altrusa supports Casa Materna, located in Nicaragua, providing services for high-risk pregnant women from rural communities; and

WHEREAS, Altrusa International, Inc., established April 11, 1917, is holding its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lauren Poe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim April 11, 2017 as

*Altrusa International of Gainesville, Inc.  
Appreciation Day*

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in extending recognition and appreciation to Altrusa International for their 100 years of national service and outstanding 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, A.D., 2017.

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Lauren Poe  
Mayor