

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, this year Rotary International marks a noteworthy, historic milestone by celebrating its 100th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary International was founded in Chicago, Illinois on February 23, 1905, and is the world's first service club by Paul Harris who envisioned an organization of business and professional leaders providing civic leadership and humanitarian service to communities; and

WHEREAS, the first Rotary Club in Alachua County was established in 1918, and in the spirit of its principal motto, "Service Above Self", Rotarians have been exceedingly generous in their support of numerous programs and agencies in Alachua County; and

WHEREAS, Rotarians have given of their time, talents and dollars to address such critical issues as poverty, health, hunger, illiteracy and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club provides outstanding opportunities for young people in Alachua County and throughout the world to visit other nations and therefore enhances the understanding of and appreciation for other cultures; and

WHEREAS, Rotary International is not restricted to political boundaries and its clubs are present throughout the world, Rotary can summon its resources to solve world-wide problems such as the eradication of Polio, or provide assistance wherever and whenever natural disasters occur; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Clubs of Alachua County Foundation, through its Annual Wild Game Feast has generated over \$1.1 million dollars for local causes such as the Boys and Girls Clubs of Alachua County, Acorn Clinic, the Girls Club, the Alachua County School system, Altrusa House, Rotary Scholarship House and the Volunteer Center, to name a few.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pegeen Hanrahan, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim February 23, 2005 as

100th Anniversary of Rotary International

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in recognizing the members of Rotary International for their significant contributions locally and to the world 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 24th day of February, A.D., 2005.


Pegeen Hanrahan
Mayor

