

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION FOR THE EXCEPTIONAL SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CORTONA ITALY DURING THE 50th YEAR OF UGA CORTONA STUDIES ABROAD PROGRAM OPERATIONS

WHEREAS, the University of Georgia operates studies abroad programs at Cortona, Italy. This year marks the 50th consecutive year of operation of this internationally recognized program in the Visual Arts, Humanities, Agriculture, Business, and Science; and

WHEREAS, the University of Georgia Studies Abroad Program in Cortona, Italy founded and directed by John D. Kehoe, is sponsored by the Lamar Dodd School of Art in conjunction with Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Environment + Design, the College of Family and Consumer Sciences, the Terry College of Business, the College of Agriculture & Environmental Sciences, providing the unique and increasingly popular opportunity afforded to students and faculty by this special educational experience; and

WHEREAS, on June 6, 1978, the City of Athens instituted a sister city relationship with Cortona describing Cortona as a small, quiet, walled town with an Etruscan origin. It is situated at a comfortably cool and invigorating 2,200 feet elevation, surrounded by beautiful olive groves, vineyards, and rich valley farm lands. The town itself is a veritable museum, revealing itself through many fine examples of Etruscan, Roman, Romanesque, Medieval, and Renaissance Art and Architecture; and

WHEREAS, there now exists a strong and effective cultural bond between Athens, Georgia, and Cortona, Italy. Cortona citizens and city officials have been generous, gracious hosts and strong supporters of this positive cultural exchange and long-term friendship; and

WHEREAS, the UGA Cortona programs, in which thousands of Georgia students have been warmly received in Cortona, has even more strengthened the bond between our two cities; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, June 8, 2019, Jere W. Morehead, University of Georgia President, Christopher P. Robinson, Director of the UGA Cortona International Center, along with District 4 Commissioner Allison Wright, were honored to visit Cortona in celebration of the UGA Cortona 50th Anniversary; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Mayor and Commission of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, expresses appreciation to our sister city for their exceptional hospitality and friendship and wishes them well and we graciously extend an invitation to The Honorable Luciano Meoni, Mayor of Cortona, to visit Athens-Clarke County and the University of Georgia campus.

SO RESOLVED, this day the 6 of August, 2019.

APPROVED:


Kelly Girtz, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jean Spratlin, Clerk of Commission