

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Dunwoody Community Garden at Brook Run was created with a whirlwind of community involvement and collaboration. Volunteers broke ground on August 23, 2009. After only one month of growing, and six weeks after opening, the garden began donating food to Malachi's Storehouse Food Pantry at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. To date, the garden, has donated 378 pounds of produce equivalent to \$2,226.50 in donated value; and

WHEREAS, The Dunwoody Community Garden at Brook Run strengthens the community by providing a setting for social interaction, education, recreation, and self-sufficient food production; reduces the risk of preventable diseases with a focus on health and wellness; promotes sustainable eco-friendly practices and education by adhering to principles of organic gardening and conservation of resources through recycling; and engages in charitable giving by donating a percentage of grown items to those in need; and

WHEREAS, The progress achieved by the Dunwoody Community Garden at Brook Run in their first year is an innovative example of how government can enable and promote partnerships to strengthen the community. The energy from our dedicated citizens who encouraged organizations to work together and then ultimately created their own organization, the Dunwoody Community Garden at Brook Run, displays the level of community support and innovation which both formed and continues to inspire the City of Dunwoody; and

WHEREAS, Long term, the community garden will continue to be a catalyst for cultivating community. The strong community involvement and collaboration evident in the Dunwoody Community Garden at Brook Run is an incredible example of what can be achieved and will serve as an example to promote other innovative concepts; now

THEREFORE, I, Ken Wright, Mayor of the City of Dunwoody, do hereby commemorate the one year anniversary and proclaim, August 23, 2010 as

COMMUNITY GARDEN DAY

in the City of Dunwoody and urge all citizens to celebrate the Dunwoody Community Garden at Brook Run and support their efforts to cultivate community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 23rd day of August, in the year of our Lord two thousand ten.

City of Dunwoody Mayor

Attest:

Ken Wright

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk