

**PROCLAMATION**

- WHEREAS,** 45 years ago, in 1968, Chesnut Elementary School opened in Dunwoody to meet the needs of the Peachtree/Dunwoody community; and
- WHEREAS,** In the 2000-2001 school year, Chesnut began operating as a charter school, in a volunteer rich environment where staff is used creatively and parents participate in the outcome of their child's education; and
- WHEREAS,** In its 45<sup>th</sup> year, Chesnut's Parent Teacher Council published its three guiding principles: (1) Identify and institute creative approaches to learning; (2) welcome parent involvement; and (3) celebrate our diverse school family; and
- WHEREAS,** In its 45<sup>th</sup> year, Chesnut's media center and faculty lounge were renovated with \$12,000 in fundraising dollars and with contributions from within the community; and
- WHEREAS,** Chesnut was recently awarded a \$5000 grant from Governor Nathan Deal's Student Health and Physical Education (SHAPE) initiative; and
- WHEREAS,** Chesnut Charter has an organic gardening program and an outdoor classroom for farm-to-school lesson plans which incorporate the garden into multidisciplinary, standards-based curriculum; and
- WHEREAS** Chesnut Charter currently funds and provides its students online math and reading programs to supplement the county curriculum; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL G. DAVIS,** Mayor of the City of Dunwoody, in recognition of their bravery and service to the community; do hereby proclaim that **October 29, 2013** shall be:

***"Chesnut Charter Elementary School Day"***

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013.

City of Dunwoody

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Michael G. Davis, Mayor

Attest:

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Sharon Lowery, City Clerk