

## PROCLAMATION

### CITY OF DUNWOODY DWARFISM AWARENESS MONTH

**WHEREAS**, Little People of America is the largest and oldest nonprofit support organization for people with dwarfism in the world; and

**WHEREAS**, dwarfism is a medical condition, made up of over 200 types, resulting in shorter stature of the affected person; and

**WHEREAS**, there are an estimated 400 people in Georgia with dwarfism, an estimated 30,000 people living with dwarfism in the United States, and an estimated 651,700 living with dwarfism in the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the popularity of, and the need for Little People of America is at a historic high, growing from 20 members in 1957 to more than 8,000 members in 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Little People of America annually hosts national conferences which allow for people to meet others with the same medical conditions and for families of Little People to interact with each other; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Dunwoody is a part of Little People of America District 13, and many Georgia Little People contribute to the success of the district by providing ideas, advocacy for others, and attendance for events; and

**WHEREAS**, Little People of America dedicates itself to improving the lives of those with dwarfism and provides support and resources to its members for issues such as adoption, parenting, medical needs, conference and educational scholarships, advocacy and spreading awareness for dwarfism; and

**WHEREAS**, little people make the world, the United States, and the City of Dunwoody better and more diverse places.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Lynn P. Deutsch, Mayor of Dunwoody, Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2020 to be Dwarfism Awareness Month in the City of Dunwoody. I urge each individual in the community to join me in recognizing Dwarfism Awareness Month.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Dunwoody to be affixed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

**CITY OF DUNWOODY**

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Lynn P. Deutsch, Mayor

Attest:

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Sharon Lowery, City Clerk