

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, each year, approximately one million pregnancies in the United States end in miscarriage, stillbirth, or the death of a newborn baby; and

WHEREAS, Georgia ranked No. 7 nationally with 888 deaths, and a rate of 7 deaths per 1,000 live births, according to a 2018 study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); and

WHEREAS, the availability of information and resources are of crucial to families who suffer from pregnancy and infant loss; and

WHEREAS, a public informed and educated about pregnancy and infant loss can better learn how to respond with empathy and compassion to affected families; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Month would enable our community to consider how, both individually and together, we can meet the needs of bereaved mothers, fathers, and family members, and work to prevent the causes of these deaths; and

WHEREAS, remembering and honoring all the pregnancies and infants lost can help heal and offer comfort during a time of pain and heartache, and allow mothers, fathers and family members to have hope for the future; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, President Ronald Reagan declared October as "Pregnancy & Infant Loss Awareness Month" to honor the unique grief of bereaved parents who suffer such a loss; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Month can help provide validation to those who have suffered a loss of an infant; Now

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lynn Deutsch, Mayor of the City of Dunwoody, Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2020 to be Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Month in Dunwoody, Georgia and urge all citizens to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Dunwoody to be affixed this 29th day of September, 2020.

CITY OF DUNWOODY

Lynn P. Deutsch, Mayor

Attest:

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk