PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the community of Dunwoody, Georgia, rallied to help one another and renew its resolve following a tornado that took a life, destroyed hundreds of Dunwoody homes and felled more than 100,000 trees on April 9, 1998; and

WHEREAS, within just days, the then-fledgling Dunwoody Preservation Trust took the lead by assembling the Replant the Dunwoody Forest initiative within its own ranks; and

WHEREAS, the Replant the Dunwoody Forest initiative proved successful by coordinating the replanting of 25,000 mature native Georgia trees and seedlings at no cost to property owners; and

WHEREAS, the organization prepared a celebratory event for the community that included a tour of rebuilt and remodeled homes hit by the tornado, plus a 5K Race and Fun Run, carnival games, and barbecue; and

WHEREAS, the celebration, named "Lemonade Days" in commemoration of the mantra, "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade!" was followed the next year with a ten-day celebration; and

WHEREAS, Lemonade Days was moved to Brook Run Park in 2003, and in 2006, was amplified with full-scale carnival rides and games; and

WHEREAS, Lemonade Days has grown to a much-anticipated, five-day annual festival loved by children and adults of all ages, and

WHEREAS, Lemonade Days is the largest fundraiser for the Dunwoody Preservation Trust, and its profits have been recirculated back into the community through the maintenance and rehabilitation of historic properties, the education of Dunwoody's history and heritage; and preservation of its stories and assets; and

WHEREAS, 2025 marks the 25th anniversary of Lemonade Days to be held April 23 – 27, 2025 at Dunwoody's Brook Run Park;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Lynn P. Deutsch, Mayor of Dunwoody, do hereby proclaim April as Lemonade Days Month in honor of the festival's 25th anniversary.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Dunwoody to be affixed this 14th day of April 2025.

Attest: City of Dunwoody

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Sharon Lowery, City Clerk   Lynn Deutsch, Mayor