

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Jerry Rhea spent more than 50 years in the athletic training profession, including 25 years in the NFL; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Rhea grew up in Texas, attended Texas A&M, served in the U.S. Army after graduation, and worked as a high school football trainer for several years before moving up to pro football; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Rhea was hired as athletic trainer for the Atlanta Falcons in 1969 and worked in this position through 1994. He moved to the front office as an Assistant to the President of the Atlanta Falcons Youth Foundation until 2001; and

WHEREAS, he was inducted into the inaugural Georgia Athletic Trainers' Association Hall of Fame in 2004. The Hall honored him with an annual award in his name, the Jerry Rhea Athletic Trainer of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Rhea received the "Award of Excellence" from the Pro Football Hall of Fame and was recognized as part of the inaugural class during Enshrinement Week in June 2022 in Canton, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Rhea is a longtime Dunwoody resident, described as selfless and humble. He is active in the community and in his church, Dunwoody United Methodist, where he supports homebound members, served as an usher for many years and made a special effort to keep members connected during the pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lynn Deutsch, Mayor of the City of Dunwoody, do hereby recognize and commend Jerry Rhea for his dedication to his profession and contributions to the community; he is an example and inspiration to colleagues, friends, and family.

Furthermore, I hereby proclaim **August 8, 2022,** as

JERRY RHEA DAY

in the City of Dunwoody and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing him for all his accomplishments.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Dunwoody, Georgia, to be affixed, this 8th day of August 2022.

CITY OF DUNWOODY

Lynn P. Deutsch, Mayor

Attest:

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk