

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Dunwoody Sustainability Committee serves to encourage our community to reduce its environmental impact by providing assistance in public education and outreach on sustainability; and

WHEREAS, at the core of this mission is our commitment to define sustainable practices and to demonstrate them by honoring those who are most dedicated to reducing our community’s environmental footprint; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainability Hero of the Year award is given to one exemplary individual recognized by the Committee, Mayor and Council, and our City for their dedication, service, and leadership in sustainable practices; and

WHEREAS, Michael Cowan models sustainable behavior in his personal and professional life and commits his free time to driving community change; and

WHEREAS, Michael served for 6 years on the Sustainability Committee and has a long-term commitment to the Scouts where he teaches several merit badge classes, including Sustainability and Forestry;

WHEREAS, Michael served as the Executive Director of the Dunwoody Nature Center from 2019-2021 and was recognized as AT&T’s official “Environmental Champion” for his efforts to improve the sustainability of retail packaging by reducing waste; and

WHEREAS, Michael is a partner at ReForest ATL, a company dedicated to native landscape restoration services by removing ecologically harmful invasive vegetation and replanting beneficial native ones that help restore balanced eco-systems that support all flora and fauna; and

WHEREAS, Michael models leadership in the City of Dunwoody and consistently displays passion while sharing his knowledge about recycling and composting with others in order to improve awareness, attitudes and behavior to drive sustainable best practices in Dunwoody.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Lynn P. Deutsch, Mayor of Dunwoody, do hereby proclaim Monday, April 24, 2023, as Sustainability Heroes Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Dunwoody to be affixed this 24th day of April, 2023.

CITY OF DUNWOODY

Lynn P. Deutsch, Mayor

Attest:

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk