

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, however effective government may be in serving the needs of its citizens, the soul of our city and its vitality as a place to live and work depend on the relationship of families, friends, and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, strengthening those bonds is not as much in the hands of institutions or governments as it is in the hearts of the people – individuals who volunteer to help people of all ages, races and religions cope with illnesses, overcome hardships and barriers, adjust to social changes, and fulfill their potential. These volunteers are the unrecognized, unsung heroes of our society; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Harvey, recently named as one of our state’s top honorees in The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, exemplifies the value of volunteer community service, and is a role model to other youth as well as adults in our community; and

WHEREAS, a surprising number of volunteers in communities across the nation are like Elizabeth, a student contributing time without expectation of reward, other than the gratification that comes from helping others. Some of these young people work in established groups; others seek new and unique ways to help others on their own; and

WHEREAS, recognizing these young volunteers and encouraging others to follow their example is the aim of this nationwide program conducted by Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Its aim is to reach into every community, in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, to identify and honor these unsung heroes locally, state-by-state, and then nationally, in the hopes that their recognition will serve to stimulate others to volunteer service.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Denis L. Shortal, Mayor of the City of Dunwoody, Georgia, do hereby commend Elizabeth Harvey, our Prudential Spirit of Community Award honoree, for her outstanding volunteer contribution to others and our community.

FURTHERMORE, in honor of this achievement, I hereby proclaim Monday, May 23, 2016 as **Elizabeth Harvey/Prudential Spirit of Community Recognition Day** in Dunwoody, Georgia.

This **23rd** day of **May, 2016**.

Approved:

Denis L. Shortal, Mayor

Attest:

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk