

A PROCLAMATION

PEBBLE TOSSERS DAY

WHEREAS, Pebble Tossers, Inc. is a leading youth development nonprofit organization founded in 2008 in Dunwoody, Georgia with a mission to empower and equip youth to lead through service; and

WHEREAS, Pebble Tossers recognizes the benefits of youth service as having life-changing capabilities and strives to provide youth with access to resources and developmental assets they need to grow up healthy, caring, and responsible citizens. Studies show that volunteering as a young person provides:

- Increased sense of self-efficacy as youth learn that they can impact relevant social challenges, problems, and needs.
- Higher academic achievement and interest in furthering their education.
- Enhanced problem-solving skills, ability to work in teams, and planning abilities.
- Enhanced civic engagement attitudes, skills and behaviors; and

WHEREAS, Pebble Tossers provides youth, teens and families with age-appropriate opportunities to serve others each week throughout the year as a way to shape and cultivate a new generation of caring citizens, activists, and volunteers; and

WHEREAS, through the dedicated work of Pebble Tossers over the past ten years, Pebble Tossers has engaged youth in more than 34,000 volunteer service hours and mobilized 14,605 volunteers in Metro Atlanta. In partnership with more than 70 vetted nonprofit partners across Metro Atlanta, Pebble Tossers creates pathways for youth to engage in age-appropriate volunteer service opportunities in order to learn selflessness and empathy and to hone leadership skills; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper on this day and on every day to recognize the tremendous impact of philanthropy, volunteerism, and community service in the City of Dunwoody.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Denis L. Shortal, Mayor of the City of Dunwoody, do hereby proclaim **January 28, 2019** as **Pebble Tossers Day** in the City of Dunwoody and encourage all citizens to join together to give back to the community in any way that is personally meaningful.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Dunwoody to be affixed this 28th day of January 2019.

CITY OF DUNWOODY

Denis L. Shortal, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk