# *PROCLAMATION*

**WHEREAS,** Richard (Dick) Drake was a determined, pragmatic, intellectual man with a clever wit and a quick sense of humor, who was steadfastly dedicated to his family; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 10, 1953, he married his longtime girlfriend whom he met his freshman year in high school, Marie Kathryn Pierobon, in the chapel at Hamilton Air Force Base in San Rafael California; and

**WHEREAS,** dedicated to public service, he earned the rank of Eagle Scout and the Order of the Arrow, joined the U.S. Navy before completing his high school education during a time of war. He later completed high school, joined the ROTC of the Army Air Corps and graduated from Utah State University with a degree in Civil Engineering; and

**WHEREAS**, Dick continued his commitment of service to his country throughout his life, with active duty assignments during the Korean War and Cuban Missile Crisis.  Dick continued to serve his country with honor over the course of the next 30 years and obtained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Air Force; and

**WHEREAS,** in 1973 he relocated with his wife Marie, and children Robert, Leisa & Alison to Dunwoody, Georgia where the family became vital members of the Dunwoody community.  During this era, Dick lovingly restored a 1930 Model "A" Ford, which he proudly drove several times in the Dunwoody 4th of July parade; and

**WHEREAS,** he played competitive tennis with ALTA and fostered close relationships on the golf course at the Dunwoody Country Club. Through these close-knit connections in the community, he and Marie were driving forces in the inception and creation of the Dunwoody Stage Door Players as well as supporting many other Dunwoody area charities; and

**WHEREAS,** Dick was an integral member of the Founding Committee for the Incorporation of the City of Dunwoody, where his insight and professional expertise contributed to the efforts of the committee.  After years of dedication and countless volunteer hours, he helped guide the resolution for the incorporation of the City of Dunwoody in 2008 and continued his service on various city committees until his untimely passing.

**NOW, THEREFORE** I,  Denis  L.  Shortal,  Mayor  of  Dunwoody,  Georgia do hereby  proclaim October 8, 2020, as **Dick Drake Day** in the City of Dunwoody in honor of his service, dedication, and commitment to the Citizens of Dunwoody Community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Dunwoody to be affixed this 4th day of October, 2019.

**CITY OF DUNWOODY**

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Denis L. Shortal, Mayor

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Sharon Lowery, City Clerk