

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS,** healthy kidneys are essential for regulating our bodies by removing fluids, waste, and toxins. They release hormones to help regulate blood pressure, produce red blood cells, and strengthen our bones; and

**WHEREAS,** kidney disease is the ninth leading cause of death in the United States, and it is growing in prevalence. It is critical that attention be brought to this often-overlooked health crisis; and

**WHEREAS,** while the precise cause of kidney cancer is unknown, the two main causes of kidney failure are diabetes and high blood pressure, which are responsible for more than 70 percent of all kidney failure cases; and

**WHEREAS,** according to the National Kidney Foundation, about 100,000 people are waiting for a kidney transplant at any given time; and

**WHEREAS,** longtime Dunwoody resident Amy Parker Zupancic and her sons Daniel and Caleb have each served as altruistic and life-saving kidney donors, giving a kidney to someone they didn't know; and

**WHEREAS,** the Zupancic family's generous and selfless acts serve as an inspiration to others; and

**NOW, THEREFORE I,** Lynn Deutsch, Mayor of Dunwoody, do hereby proclaim March 2023 as Kidney Health Month in order to raise awareness and encourage others to consider becoming a life-saving donor.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Dunwoody to be affixed this 13th day of March, 2023.

**CITY OF DUNWOODY**

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Lynn P. Deutsch, Mayor

Attest:

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Sharon Lowery, City Clerk