



City of Cleveland, Georgia

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Dr. Laurie Burkett has devoted more than three decades to the field of education, faithfully serving students and the community with dedication, integrity, and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, her distinguished career includes service as a teacher, coach, athletics director, assistant principal, director of human resources, assistant superintendent, and ultimately as Superintendent of White County Schools; and

WHEREAS, since assuming the role of Superintendent in 2018, she has led the school system through unprecedented challenges, strengthened academic programs, championed student success, and overseen significant improvements to school facilities and operations; and

WHEREAS, her leadership has consistently emphasized student engagement, expanded educational opportunities, and upheld a steadfast commitment to the well-being of students and staff; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Burkett’s career reflects a lifelong dedication to public education and has left a lasting and meaningful impact on the lives of countless students, educators, and families throughout White County and beyond;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of Cleveland, Georgia, do hereby recognize and celebrate

Dr. Laurie Burkett

for her many years of outstanding service and extend their sincere appreciation for her exceptional leadership, dedication, and invaluable contributions to White County education as she enters retirement in March 2026.

SO RESOLVED this 2nd day of March 2026

Josh Turner Mayor

Jeremy McClure Council Member District 3

Nan Bowen Council Member District 1
Mayor Pro Tem

C.J. McDonald Council Member District 4

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