

**A RESOLUTION  
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DACULA  
TO RECOGNIZE AND THANK MARVIN ATHERTON**

WHEREAS, the Dacula Memorial Day Parade has become a signature event for our City and Gwinnett County to honor and remember the service of our fallen military personnel, their families and veterans; and

WHEREAS, Marvin Atherton conceived of the parade in the early 1990s. He recognized that our community was lacking a suitable event to remember fallen heroes and to recognize and honor their service. He took the initiative to plan and organize the first parade in 1994. Since then, each year, he has recruited participants and volunteers, to honor the fallen. He has organized floats, bands, military and public safety vehicles, tractors, community groups and more each year since. In 2020, during the Covid pandemic, he organized an online commemoration and “virtual parade” to keep the memorial going; and

WHEREAS, his tireless efforts for thirty years have provided an appropriate memorial for fallen heroes that brings our community together to remember and honor their service. His work has also served to educate the public, and especially young people, about the meaning and significance of Memorial Day and the need and duty to recognize and remember those who sacrificed to secure the rights and privileges we enjoy today.

NOW THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DACULA, hereby resolves and ordains that the City offers its recognition and thanks to Marvin Atherton for his faithful leadership and service in planning, promoting, and carrying out the Dacula Memorial Day Parade.

SO RESOLVED, this 6th day of July, 2023 by the Governing Authority of the City of Dacula.

AYES: \_\_\_\_

NAYES: \_\_\_\_

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Hugh D. King, III, Mayor  
City of Dacula

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Brittini Nix  
City Administrator