



Proclamation

PROC 2026-07 Dallas Woman's Club GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION JULY 04, 2026

WHEREAS, The Dallas Woman's Club is the oldest organization for women in Dallas, Georgia, having been organized on July 12, 1920, and is celebrating the 105th year of the original clubhouse Grand Opening; and,

WHEREAS, The Dallas Federated Club (later known as the Dallas Woman's Club) was created through the union of the Dallas Study Club and the Dallas Matrons Club with the initial meeting called by Mrs. May Belle McGarity at her home, membership being required to register to vote though women did not yet have the right to vote, the initial officers being Mrs. Bertha Powell Hart, President, Mrs. Myrtis Welch Bullock, Recording Secretary, Mrs. May Belle Hitchcock McGarity, Corresponding Secretary, and Mrs. Edna Sanders Lee, Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, The first project of the Dallas Woman's Club was to construct a building in downtown Dallas that would be a clubhouse, a library, a community house and the first public women's restroom in Paulding County, being opened to the public July 4, 1921, and the first club meeting being held in the clubhouse July 11, 1921; and

WHEREAS, The Dallas Woman's Club organized the first public library in Dallas in 1926; coordinates 300 craft vendors as a founding member of the Paulding Meadows Arts and Crafts Festival; works closely with the Paulding Child Advocacy center; works to meet the needs of Paulding's children by donating clothing, food, personal products for teen girls, art supplies and books; volunteers at Keep Paulding Beautiful events; donates food and blankets to the animal shelter; volunteers to read to elementary school children; celebrates monthly birthdays at a local nursing home with cake and gifts; donated over 300 swaddle blankets to the cardiac ICU at CHO; and recently donated to the Paulding County Sheriff's Office a certified K9 trained for both bomb detection and tracking that found a missing Alzheimer's patient on his first official weekend with his handler; and

WHEREAS, The Dallas Woman's Club maintains its founding objective to provide intellectual development of the members while participating in a myriad of charitable projects and aiding in the work of improving our town, libraries and schools; and

WHEREAS, The Dallas Woman's Club, in their commitment to continue to serve their community, will hold a Grand Opening celebration for the restored 1921 Clubhouse on July 4, 2026; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That I, James Kelly, Mayor of the City of Dallas, Georgia, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the City of Dallas and the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim **July 4, 2026, as Dallas Woman's Club Day** in the City of Dallas, Georgia, and encourage everyone throughout the City of Dallas, Georgia, to join the Dallas Woman's Club in giving back to the Dallas community in meaningful ways.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this First Day of June, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six, and in the City of Dallas, in the State of Georgia.

L. James Kelly, Mayor