



Proclamation

GEORGIA HIGHLANDS COLLEGE COMMUNITY IMPACT DAY PROCLAMATION 2026-05

- Whereas,** The United States of America celebrates the 250th anniversary of its founding in 2026, marking two and a half centuries of liberty, opportunity, and the enduring promise of education as a pathway to a better future; and
- Whereas,** Georgia Highlands College, founded in 1970, has proudly served the people of Northwest Georgia for more than 50 years, providing accessible, high-quality education and transforming lives through learning; and
- Whereas,** Over the past five decades, Georgia Highlands College has served more than 250,000 community members, empowering individuals and families through opportunity, workforce preparation, and academic achievement; and
- Whereas,** In just the past three academic years, students have completed more than 250,000 credit hours, demonstrating the continued demand for education and the dedication of the college's students, faculty, and staff; and
- Whereas,** Over the last twelve years, the college has offered more than 25,000 courses, strengthening the workforce and expanding opportunities for communities across the region; and
- Whereas,** More than 2,500 graduates have joined the proud ranks of Georgia Highlands College alumni in the past three years, contributing their talents and leadership to businesses, healthcare systems, schools, and communities throughout Georgia; and
- Whereas,** Georgia Highlands College has generated a combined economic impact of more than \$2.5 billion over the past fifty years, demonstrating its vital role in strengthening the regional economy and supporting the prosperity of the State of Georgia; now

Therefore, I, James Kelly, Mayor of the City of Dallas, Georgia, do hereby recognize July 4, 2026, as Georgia Highlands College Community Impact Day, honoring the college's extraordinary service to students, families, and communities while celebrating this milestone alongside the 250th anniversary of the United States of America.

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, Georgia.

Mayor L. James Kelly