

# Proclamation



## PROC 2024-09 Dallas Woman's Club DECEMBER 02, 2024

**WHEREAS,** The Dallas Woman's Club is the oldest organization for women in Dallas, Georgia, having been organized on July 12, 1920, 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,** Members of the Dallas Woman's Club organized the first public library in Dallas in 1926, expanded the library with WPA grants in 1936, served all the library needs for Paulding County until 1979, provided bookmobile service to rural communities of the county, worked for the care and beautification of the Dallas City Cemetery, sponsored Diphtheria and Measles clinics in the 1930's and Polio inoculations in the 1950's, worked March of Dimes events, Red Cross Blood drives and Vagabond Marionettes shows, held gardening contests, held public meetings to introduce electricity into the home, sponsored spelling bee contests, helped implement hot lunches in the schools, provided volunteers for library events and school programs, aided many charitable works for the community, helped raise funds for the new public library, schools and senior care center, and was one of the founding organizations for the Paulding Meadows Arts and Crafts Festival;

**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 be breaking ground on the restoration of the original 1921 clubhouse on December 3, 2024, and;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** 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 **December 02, 2024, 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 Second day of December, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Four, and in the City of Dallas, in the state of Georgia.**

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**L. James Kelly, Mayor**