

# PROCLAMATION



## “NATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM WEEK”

**WHEREAS**, the Power of Travel has been a consistent driver of the Dalton-Whitfield County economy and workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, travel has been the foundation of a healthy workforce, serving as one of the largest private-sector employers in the U.S., supporting 17 million jobs in 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, spending by travelers has aided state and local governments alike, generating \$180 billion in tax revenue in 2019 to support essential services and programs; and

**WHEREAS**, travel and tourism-dependent businesses and organizations, 83% of which are small businesses, are responsible for welcoming visitors from all around the world to explore Dalton-Whitfield County and all our country has to offer; and

**WHEREAS**, last year, the coronavirus pandemic devastated every sector of the travel industry with staggering declines in 2020 compared to 2019, affecting every community in the country, including Dalton-Whitfield County; and

**WHEREAS**, the travel industry cannot recover without the full return of leisure and business travel, as well as meetings and events, by both domestic and international visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, the power of travel will revive Dalton-Whitfield County and the United States and drive us forward to a more prosperous future.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, I, David Pennington, Mayor of the City of Dalton, Georgia, hereby proclaim May 2-8, 2021 as **“NATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM WEEK”** and urge our citizens to join me in recognizing the critical role this industry plays in Dalton-Whitfield County.

*In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand  
and caused the seal of this city to be affixed.*

Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ May 3, 2021