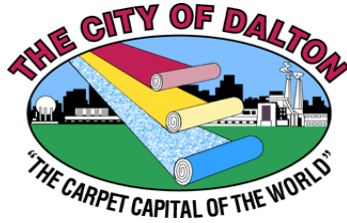


PROCLAMATION



NATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM WEEK

WHEREAS, the future of Travel will be a consistent driver of the Dalton-Whitfield County economy and workforce; and

WHEREAS, a robust travel industry provides significant economic benefits for the nation, generating more than \$2.6 trillion in economic output prior to the pandemic, with \$1.2 trillion spent directly by travelers in the U.S.; 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 prior to the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, spending by travelers has aided state and local governments alike, generating \$90 billion in state and local tax revenue prior to the pandemic to support essential services and programs; and

WHEREAS, the rebound of travel will drive the rebuilding of the U.S. economy and American workforce since, prior to the pandemic, 60% of leisure and hospitality employment was small business; and

WHEREAS, the future of Travel will foster a faster recovery, create a more sustainable, seamless and secure traveler experience and rebuild Dalton-Whitfield County workforce, driving us toward a more prosperous future.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, David Pennington, Mayor of the City of Dalton, Georgia hereby proclaim May 1-7, 2022 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 2, 2022 _____