

Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION OF SETH SLANKER AND JACKSON SWISHER


- WHEREAS,** *Seth Slanker and Jackson Swisher are in their 3rd year of fishing for Florida Gateway College. They were offered multiple college scholarships and opportunities but decided to stay in Lake City and help start a fishing team here; and*
- WHEREAS,** *They are 2-time Collegiate State Champions. They have qualified for the B.A.S.S. and Major League College Fishing National Championships every year. They were runners-up recently at the Bassmaster National Championship held on Winyah Bay in early September; and*
- WHEREAS,** *They have fished against 130 of the top college teams across the US, finishing 2nd which qualified them to fish the Bassmaster College Bracket that includes the top 8 anglers in the U.S. Jackson fished the final four bracket and Seth was able to fish the final day of the bracket; and*
- WHEREAS,** *They have been the top Florida college team and have continuously helped Florida Gateway College get recognized for being the number one team in the SE Conference in the MLF college circuit; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Seth and Jackson have been fishing together since middle school and started fishing as partners for the Columbia High Bassmaster's during their freshmen year. While in high school they had numerous wins and top-10 finishes. They won the State Championship on Lake Seminole their senior year. They were both on the Bassmaster High School All-State team and Jackson was named one of 12 Bassmaster All-Americans 2 years in a row and recognized in Bassmaster Magazine; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Every year, they volunteer and fish the SRBCAA tournament and the Puzzle Pieces of North Florida Autism Tournament on the Suwannee River. Their high school senior year, they won the Autism Tournament; and*
- WHEREAS,** *In addition to fishing high school and college tournaments, they have both fished the semi-pro series Opens where they have done remarkably well; and*
- WHEREAS,** *They are full-time students, work part-time, and still continue to find time to volunteer for local camps and clinics. They have both volunteered their time captaining for high school anglers fishing the Florida B.A.S.S Nation series; and*
- WHEREAS,** *They love to talk "fishing" any chance they get. They are respectful, hardworking, and humble young men. They have represented Columbia High School, Florida Gateway College, and Lake City in an admirable way.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Stephen M. Witt, Mayor of the City of Lake City do hereby recognize Seth Slanker and Jackson Swisher for their dedication and leadership to their fishing team and community.



Seal of the City of Lake City
State of Florida

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed this 7th day of November 2022.


Stephen M. Witt, Mayor
City of Lake City