

PROCLAMATION

Recognizing and Commending Gordon State College; and for Other Purposes.

WHEREAS, Gordon State College is a public institution founded in 1852 and located in Barnesville, Georgia, with a campus size of 235 acres; and

WHEREAS, Gordon State College cultivates an enriching and supportive environment that prepares students and continues their educational career through a variety of baccalaureate, Postbaccalaureate, and professional degrees; and

WHEREAS, this is achieved through a diverse faculty and staff, modern technology, and a thriving campus life to engage the students, such as music and theatre productions, student art shows, movies, dances, clubs, and intramural sports; and

WHEREAS, Gordon State College serves approximately 3,100 students with a student ratio of 20:1; students are offered an immediate academic setting where they can receive the individualized attention that only a community college of this size can provide; and

WHEREAS, Gordon State College distinguishes itself by offering strong programs in general education, business, fine arts, and health care education, with more than 26 programs of study; and

WHEREAS, the opportunities created at Gordon State College will lead students to develop job skills that will provide value to hiring companies beginning on the first day of employment; and

WHEREAS, Gordon State College’s outstanding milestones could only be achieved through the determination and loyalty of the students and the strong leadership of Dr. Kirk Nooks As president.

WHEREAS, Lamar County serves as one of the 14-County Primary Service Regions for Gordon State College. Barnesville is our hometown partner and supporter which makes this accomplishment a community win!

WHEREAS, Club Football started 3 years ago under the leadership of Coach Kevin Adkins. The Highlanders won back-to-back championships in 2021 and 2022. Coming off winning the 2021 South Atlantic Conference Championship, The Highlanders came in as the preseason favorite to win another conference championship and to contend for a national championship. The Gordon State College Club Football team are the 2022 National Club Football Association (NCFA) National Champions after a 35-15 defeat over Ohio State University Buckeyes at the Dec 3 championship game in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania. NCFA announced individual awards to four Highlanders including Bowl Game MVP, Defensive POY, Assistant of the Year, and Freshman of the Year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY LAMAR COUNTY that the members of this body recognize and commend Gordon State College for its lasting impact on its students and the community.

NOW IT FURTHER RESOLVED that LAMAR COUNTY is authorized and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr. Kirk Nooks, President of Gordon State College.

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Attest: _____ Carlette Davidson-County Clerk	

