

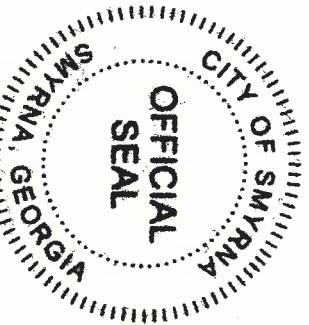


A PROCLAMATION

BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SMYRNA In Recognition of National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day

- Whereas:** each year, approximately one million pregnancies in the United States end in miscarriage, stillbirth, or the death of a newborn baby; and
- Whereas:** according to a 2018 study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Georgia ranked #7 nationally with 888 deaths, and a rate of 7 deaths per 1,000 live births; and
- Whereas:** the availability of information and support is of the utmost importance to families who suffer from pregnancy and infant loss to better help them cope; and
- Whereas:** a public that is informed and educated about pregnancy and infant loss can better learn how to respond with compassion to affected families; and
- Whereas:** the observance of Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day may provide validation to those who have suffered a loss through miscarriage, stillbirth, or other complications; and
- Whereas:** recognizing Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day would enable the people of the United States to consider how, as individuals and communities, they can meet the needs of bereaved mothers, fathers, and family members, and work to prevent the causes of these deaths; and
- Whereas:** in 1988, President Ronald Reagan declared October as "Pregnancy & Infant Loss Awareness Month" to honor the unique grief of bereaved parents who suffer such a loss; and
- Whereas:** October 15th has been designated as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day to remember all the pregnancies and infants lost in order to heal and comfort during a time of pain and heartache and to have hope for the future; Now
- Therefore:** I, Derek Norton, Mayor of the City of Smyrna, Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2020 to be *Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day* in Smyrna, Georgia and urge all citizens to join in this observance.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Smyrna to be affixed upon this 5th day of October in the year of Our Lord 2020.





Mayor

Derek Norton