



# A PROCLAMATION

BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SMYRNA

## *In Recognition of Marvin Patterson and Anne Borders-Patterson*

**WHEREAS:** Marvin Patterson and Anne Borders-Patterson are dedicated and passionate volunteers, advocates, and fundraisers for Smyrna Public Library and the Friends of Smyrna Public Library; and

**WHEREAS:** Anne Borders-Patterson is an Atlanta native and Spelman alumna; as a Civil Rights activist, she attended the 1963 March on Washington; she was a childhood learning researcher who held faculty positions at Ohio University, Southern Connecticut State University, Sacred Heart University, and Clark Atlanta University; and

**WHEREAS:** In 2008, Anne Borders-Patterson joined the Board of the Friends of Smyrna Library and subsequently served as Member-at-Large, co-chair of the Lynda Crumley Memorial Internship committee and as Secretary for several years; and

**WHEREAS:** Marvin Patterson spent 30 years working for IBM, retiring as head of national engineering and scientific marketing; after retiring from IBM, he became Associate Dean of the School of Business at Clark Atlanta University where he worked to grow the technical side of business education; and

**WHEREAS:** Marvin Patterson joined the Board of the Friends of Smyrna Library in 2012 and served as Vice-President for ten years; and

**WHEREAS:** Marvin Patterson and Anne Borders-Patterson made several unique contributions to the work of the Friends such as securing a speaking engagement by Christine King Farris, sister to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; recruiting volunteers to design brochures and posters for "Murder Goes South" and other Friends projects; soliciting donations from local businesses; and volunteering countless hours at fundraisers which funded library furniture, computers, books, and children's summer reading programs; and

**WHEREAS:** Marvin Patterson and Anne Borders-Patterson were instrumental in the research, writing, and production of "Smyrna Libraries 75th Anniversary Oral Histories" documentary produced in 2011 and available for checkout at Smyrna Public Library; and

**NOW:** Therefore, I, Derek Norton, Mayor of the City of Smyrna, do hereby recognize Marvin Patterson and Anne Borders-Patterson for their outstanding service and many contributions to Smyrna Public Library and the Friends of Smyrna Library.

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Smyrna to be affixed upon this 6th day of June in the year of Our Lord 2022.*



  
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Mayor

Derek Norton