

In Recognition of Essential Workers December 21, 2020

- Whereas:** the outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) has significantly disrupted the livelihoods of Americans and has led to a state of unprecedented economic disruption in the United States, in Georgia, and in our own community of Smyrna; and
- Whereas:** the Coronavirus pandemic has taken countless lives and has caused physical and emotional suffering; but in the midst of the disaster, many are looking for ways to honor and thank the essential workers at the front lines of the health crisis; and
- Whereas:** while many of us are being encouraged to stay home or avoid unnecessary public exposure, these workers have a responsibility during the outbreak to continue operations, potentially putting their lives in danger; and
- Whereas:** the greatest weapon available in the fight against this invisible disease is the courageous network of first responders, scientists, researchers, and medical professionals who are on the front line combating the Coronavirus pandemic; and
- Whereas:** we express our immense gratitude to all those caring for and treating patients across our nation and whose commitment to serving others has never been clearer. Their contributions to society are immeasurable; and
- Whereas:** we are grateful to all our public employees who have dedicated themselves to ensure we continue to provide essential services to all Smyrna residents; and
- Whereas:** we recognize the efforts of our educators, the employees in grocery stores, post offices, social services, truck drivers, and all others that are working to assure the nation, and our great city, is receiving the vital supplies and services needed to get through this pandemic; and
- Whereas:** all these brave men and women are the most fearless, talented, and gifted in the world, whose incredible spirit and resolve is helping to save lives each day and is contributing to the wellbeing of our citizens; NOW,
- Therefore:** I, Derek Norton, Mayor, do hereby proclaim that the City of Smyrna expresses its sincere gratitude to the essential employees who have been and are continuing to work tirelessly during this pandemic, and encourage all the residents of our community to support our essential workers and pray for the continued strength and health of all those affected by this virus.

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