



# A PROCLAMATION

BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SMYRNA

## *In Recognition of Lina Clare Isanhour*

**WHEREAS:** Lina Clare Isanhour, an important contributor to our community, especially the City of Smyrna Library, grew up in Atlanta and attended Oglethorpe University and The University of Georgia, and

**WHEREAS:** Ms. Isanhour was a dedicated educator for over 36 years. She began her teaching career in the Atlanta Public School System where she taught at the elementary level for eight years. She then transferred to Brown High School where she taught for the next 24 years with a specialty in Social Studies and History; and

**WHEREAS:** After retiring from Brown High School, Ms. Isanhour worked for four additional years at The Lovett School, where she oversaw the Community Relations Department; and

**WHEREAS:** Upon her final retirement in 1990, Ms. Isanhour made the time to pursue her hobby, genealogy. Her passion for genealogy led her to author and publish several historical books, and she was a major contributor to the book "A Simpler Time", the history of Smyrna's historic Brawner Hospital and the Taylor-Brawner House. She is recognized by genealogists throughout the region as a superior genealogist, and it is through her efforts that Smyrna has one of the best collections of genealogy and family history books in the Southeast; and

**WHEREAS:** Ms. Isanhour was instrumental in transforming the "Friends of the Smyrna Library", and due to her knowledge of genealogy and history, she focused on identifying and procuring genealogy reference books. During this time, several significant events, all orchestrated by Clare, took place which resulted in the accumulation of the extensive and very high quality genealogy collection for the city library. On more than one occasion, Clare made generous personal donations, never permitting self-recognition. Ms. Isanhour also worked tirelessly to secure donations from the much sought after "Taylor Foundation". After initial rejection, Clare's efforts were eventually rewarded and Smyrna was added to their list of recipients; and

**WHEREAS:** Ms. Isanhour continues to be devoted to the City of Smyrna and the Smyrna Library, and the city has acknowledged her many contributions by naming the genealogy room after her, and by planting a tree in her honor on the grounds of the beautiful Taylor-Brawner Park;

**NOW:** Therefore, I, A. Max Bacon, Mayor of the City of Smyrna, do hereby recognize Clare Isanhour's outstanding service, many contributions, and love for her community and extend to her our gratitude.



*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and  
cause the Seal of the City of Smyrna to be affixed upon  
this 16th day of June in the  
year of Our Lord 2014.*

*Mayor*

*A. Max Bacon*