



A PROCLAMATION

BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SMYRNA In Recognition of Mrs. Lisa Rogers Gifted Program Teacher of the Year 2020

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lisa Rogers, Target/ALP Teacher at Smyrna Elementary School, and resident of Smyrna for 22 years, was named Gifted Program Teacher of the Year 2020 by the Georgia Association of Gifted Children; and

WHEREAS, The Gifted Program Teacher of the Year Award is presented to a gifted education teacher who has demonstrated exceptional teaching, dedication, and positive parent relations in her school, community, or the state of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lisa Rogers has been teaching in Cobb County for 19 years. She has been at Smyrna Elementary the past four years, where she was named Teacher of the Year for the 2020-2021 school year. She has also served students at Milford Elementary, Campbell Middle and King Springs Elementary; and

WHEREAS, in June 2020, Mrs. Rogers was nominated by the Department of Education and won the position as a board member for the Georgia Council for Social Studies and will serve as the liaison between the board and the elementary schools; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Rogers provides professional development at Smyrna Elementary using children's picture books to teach equity and inclusion in the classroom, and is a current member of the Georgia Association of Gifted Children's Coalition for Access and Equity; and

WHEREAS, in March 2021, Mrs. Rogers received the GIFT Fellowship Award and will be working to write curriculum for Georgia Tech that will be shared with schools nationally, and in April of this year, the state Department of Education selected Mrs. Rogers to record Ted Talk video for educators to view across the country, and

WHEREAS, Principal of Smyrna Elementary, Mrs. Sharon Arduino, says, "Mrs. Rogers is passionate about teaching and is a dedicated professional. Her support of education extends beyond the classroom as a continuous learner and advocate for education. She seeks out leadership roles and involves herself in areas where she can impact the future of education".

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Derek Norton, Mayor of the City of Smyrna, Georgia, do hereby proclaim this a day of recognition for Mrs. Lisa Rogers and encourage all citizens to congratulate her on her remarkable achievements and commitment to making a difference in the lives of children in Smyrna's schools.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Smyrna to be affixed upon this 19th day of April in the year of Our Lord 2021.

Mayor

Derek Norton

