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Proclamation

Designating August 2026 as "Back to School Month"

WHEREAS, the education of our youth is the foundation upon which the future of Lincolnton is built, and providing a safe, supportive, and enriching environment for learning is a shared responsibility of our entire community; and

WHEREAS, as the month of August marks the beginning of the 2026–2027 school year, thousands of students across Lincolnton will return to their classrooms to pursue academic growth, discover new passions, and prepare for their futures; and

WHEREAS, our local educators, administrators, support staff, and school bus drivers dedicate their time, energy, and expertise to ensure that every student has access to a high-quality education and a welcoming school environment; and

WHEREAS, parents, guardians, and families play a vital role as a child's first teachers and continue to offer indispensable support to our schools through volunteerism, mentorship, and active engagement; and

WHEREAS, Lincolnton recognizes that school safety is paramount, and calls upon all drivers to exercise increased caution, obey school zone speed limits, and remain vigilant around school buses and crosswalks as our students travel to and from school; and

WHEREAS, the City council encourages residents, businesses, and civic organizations to support our students and schools by participating in supply drives, volunteering, and fostering an environment where education is celebrated and prioritized;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Ed Hatley, Mayor of the City of Lincolnton, along with the members of the City Council, do hereby proclaim August 2026 as:

"BACK TO SCHOOL MONTH"

in the City of Lincolnton and urge all citizens to join in celebrating our students, supporting our educators, and committing to a safe and successful school year ahead.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Lincolnton to be affixed this 6th day of August, 2026.

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Ed Hatley, Mayor
Lincolnton City Council

Attest:

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Daphne Ingram, City Clerk