

PROCLAMATION

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZES “DIGITAL INCLUSION WEEK” OCTOBER 3 – 7, 2022

WHEREAS, the Clayton County Board of Commissioners recognizes that broadband services are essential infrastructure for the twenty-first century and play an important role in providing access to knowledge and opportunities from communities locally and around the world; and

WHEREAS, digital equity ensures all individuals and communities have the information technology capacity needed for full participation in our society, democracy, and economy; and is necessary for civic and cultural participation, lifelong learning, and access to essential services; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the need for broadband infrastructure and digital equity across the county, as some 20% of Clayton County households lack wireline internet service; to help meet this need, Clayton County is committed to promoting digital inclusion to ensure that all individuals and communities, including the most disadvantaged, have access to and the use of information and communication technologies; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Information Technology’s Office of Digital Equity and Inclusion was established in July 2022, which will help Clayton County become a leader in broadband access by expanding its investments in digital technology, while working to expand public access for Clayton County residents.

Now, therefore, I, Jeffrey E. Turner, Chairman, on behalf of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim **October 3-7, 2022** as “**DIGITAL INCLUSION WEEK**” in Clayton County, and ask the citizens of Clayton County to join me in raising awareness of digital equity and broadband access issues and doing all we can to close the digital divide.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Clayton County, Georgia, to be affixed this 4th day of October, in the year two thousand twenty-two.



Jeffrey E. Turner, Chairman

