

- WHEREAS, the Master Gardener Extension Volunteer Program is a national volunteer horticultural educational training program sponsored by the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Program, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the counties of the cooperating states; and
- WHEREAS, the Master Gardener Program provides education to county residents on safe and effective gardening practices, as well as natural resource protection and conservation; and
- WHEREAS, the Hall County Master Gardener Extension Volunteers have ranked #1 in the state with 2,136 continuing education hours; and
- WHEREAS, in 2023, a total of 125 Hall County Master Gardener Extension Volunteers traveled 30,299 miles and volunteered over 11,794 hours representing a financial impact of \$342,062.00; and
- WHEREAS, Hall County Master Gardener Extension Volunteers support the Hall County

 Extension with office support and community support in areas of mastering garden
 techniques, vegetable and community gardening, nature conservation and
 preservation, working with youth in area schools and home school cooperatives; and
- WHEREAS, in the spirit of volunteerism, Master Gardeners have provided and continue to provide valuable services to Hall County through education and training programs.
- NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hall County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim April 13, 2024 as

MASTER GARDENER APPRECIATION DAY

Adopted this 11th day of April 2024.

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