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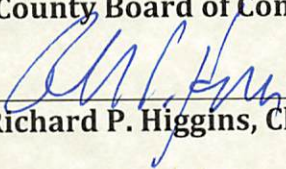
- WHEREAS,** Ms. Kathryn L. "Kit" Dunlap led the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce for 26 faithful years as its president and CEO; and
- WHEREAS,** Kit Dunlap guided the Chamber to solid ground with a membership base of 3,500 individuals and a professional staff of 13 people; and
- WHEREAS,** She spearheaded several multi-million-dollar private business initiatives such as HALLmark, an initiative that has funded successful economic development, education and community programs; and VISION 2030; and
- WHEREAS,** Kit Dunlap landed herself at the top of the industry with a strong economic development background, serving on the Board of the Georgia Department of Industry, Trade and Tourism (now the Georgia Department of Economic Development) for 10 years and as chairperson for two years; and
- WHEREAS,** She is a founding member of the Gainesville-Hall County Economic Development Council and served as the Council's first chairperson; and
- WHEREAS,** Kit Dunlap has earned numerous awards and recognitions as a direct result of her service, such as the Georgia Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives top award, The Legacy Award, in 2018; and
- WHEREAS,** During her time as Chamber president, she has been a leader by identifying opportunities and bringing together businesses, citizens, governments and nonprofits to implement the appropriate strategy for success.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hall County Board of Commissioners and the Gainesville City Council do hereby proclaim December 12, 2024 to be

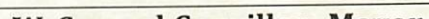
"Kit Dunlap Day"

Presented this 12th day of December 2024

Hall County Board of Commissioners


Richard P. Higgins, Chairman

Gainesville City Council


W. Samuel Couvillon, Mayor

