

**CLAYTON COUNTY RECOGNIZES
MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS
AND COMMUNITY ADVOCATES
IN OBSERVANCE OF MARCH FOR MEALS MONTH**

WHEREAS: 2015 marks the 50th anniversary of the amendment of the Older Americans Act signed into law on March 22, 1972 by President Richard Nixon. The amended act established a national nutrition program for seniors 60 years and older that has provided millions of adults with much needed health and wellness services; and

WHEREAS: The Meals On Wheels Association of America (MOWA) established the National March For Meals Campaign in March 2002 to recognize the historic month and raise awareness regarding the importance of the Older Americans Act Senior Nutrition Programs; and

WHEREAS: Meals On Wheels volunteers serve as the backbone of senior nutrition home delivery meal programs. Their support goes beyond delivering nutritious meals to homebound seniors and deserve to be publicly recognized and acknowledged for their dedication; and

WHEREAS: In observance of the 2015 March For Meals campaign, Clayton County Meals On Wheels (MOW) will partner throughout the month of March with local businesses to help raise awareness about the program and salute Clayton County's Meals On Wheels Community Champions. During the week of March 16-20, MOW drivers and volunteers such as Mr. Walter Greene, a MOW volunteer since 2007, and husband and wife meal delivery team Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Wiggins who have been delivering meals since 2008, will be saluted for their years of service. Additional MOW community partners and advocates who share a vested interest in our community will be recognized for helping to ensure that *no senior goes hungry* in Clayton County. Included are Fresh Express; the Rotary Club; UPS; We Are Clayton; the Aging Advisory Board; the Clayton County Board of Commissioners; Clayton County Fire and Emergency Services; Clayton County Parks and Recreation; Clayton County Sheriff's Office; Clayton County Police Department; and Ms. Vickie Frederick of Superior Court, Clerk Office-Deputy Clerk; and

WHEREAS: In 2014 Clayton County Meals On Wheels Program provided 2648 nutritious meals per month and 31,780 meals per year to seniors throughout the county. These meals have allowed many of the county's older residents to remain independent in their homes for years. In addition to providing meals, the county's Meals On Wheels Program serves as a powerful socialization opportunity for seniors to help combat the loneliness and isolation that many experience and as a tool to provide health and wellness checks on the county's most vulnerable population; now

THEREFORE: I, JEFFREY E. TURNER, Chairman, on behalf of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim March 2015 as March For Meals Month in honor of those who diligently serve and support the Clayton County Meals On Wheels program.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Clayton County, Georgia, to be affixed this 3rd day of March in the year two thousand fifteen.

Jeffrey E. Turner, Chairman