



A PROCLAMATION

BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SMYRNA

In Recognition of Charles Stannard former Friends of Smyrna Library Board President

Whereas, Charles Stannard is a committed and earnest volunteer, advocate, and fundraiser for Smyrna Public Library and the Friends of Smyrna Public Library; and

Whereas, Charles Stannard is a native of Columbus, Georgia, but grew up in Connecticut; he attended Colgate University, and received a Ph.D. in sociology from Northwestern University; and

Whereas, as a frequent patron of Smyrna Library and friend to other Board Members, Charles Stannard was recruited to join the Board of the Friends of Smyrna Library in 2010; and

Whereas, Charles Stannard served as Treasurer of the Friends of Smyrna Library for two years, from 2010-2012 and served as President of the Friends of Smyrna Library for eleven years, from 2012-2023; and

Whereas, During Charles Stannard's tenure as Board President, the Friends of Smyrna Library helped develop a new section of the library specifically for teen users, contributed to the upgrade of the library's computer lab; sponsored monthly public lectures for over a decade; and donated more than \$50,000 in support of children's library services; and

Whereas, Charles Stannard used his interest and aptitude in photography to document decades of historical images in the *Smyrna Herald* and *Smyrna Neighbor* newspapers; and shared his nature and travel photography in an exhibit in Smyrna Library's art gallery; and

Whereas, Charles Stannard also served the Smyrna community as a founding member of the Smyrna Arts and Cultural Council, and continues to advocate for and support Smyrna Library initiatives; Now

Therefore, I, Derek Norton, Mayor of the City of Smyrna, do hereby recognize Charles Stannard for his outstanding service and many contributions to Smyrna Public Library and the Friends of Smyrna Library.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Smyrna to be affixed upon this 20th *day of* June *in the*
year of Our Lord 2023 *.*



Mayor

Derek Norton