



PROCLAMATION

DEBBI WEST

Southeastern Secondary Art Educator of the Year

WHEREAS, Debi West has had a decorated career in which she has received virtually every award available in her field; and

WHEREAS, Debi West has accomplished various awards throughout her career including 2005 Gwinnett Teacher of the Year, 2005 National Art Educator of the Year, 2006 NAEA Marion Quin Dix Leadership Award, 2009 Georgia Art Educator of the Year, 2009 Woodruff Arts Leader in Arts Education Honoree, 2011 State Youth Art Month Honorary Art Educator and 2012 National Art Honor Society Sponsor of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the North Gwinnett High School Art Teacher Ms. West has recently added another honor by being named the Southeastern Secondary Art Educator of the Year award from the National Art Education Association which recognized excellence in Art Education for the entire Southeastern Region; Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and the Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, Ms. West believes that the visual arts are the key to developing human potential, for the arts are the visual stories that document our world; and

WHEREAS, Being an art educator is an honor to Ms. West where Art is the one curriculum where students learn their true potential through experimentation and bringing projects to life.

NOW THEREFORE, the City of Sugar Hill Mayor and City Council do hereby acknowledge their support of the arts and wish to congratulate Debi West on this great honor and the accomplishments garnered throughout her career that bring awareness to how vital the arts programs are in the community.

So Proclaimed this 10th day of April, 2017.

Steve Edwards, Mayor

Curtis Northrup, Mayor Pro Tem

Marc Cohen, Council Member

Susie Gajewski, Council Member

Brandon Hembree, Council Member

Mike Sullivan, Council Member