



BUILDING BABIES' BRAINS DAY

WHEREAS, Children's brains are 90 percent developed by age 5, and the number of words spoken to a child before age 5 significantly increases their opportunity for success in school; and

WHEREAS, Every elementary school in Gwinnett County has students who start school underprepared, with 52 percent of children arriving without the prerequisite skills for kindergarten; and

WHEREAS, Without costly interventions, kindergarteners fall further and further behind their peers, making it nearly impossible to catch up by the time they reach third grade; and

WHEREAS, Early brain development is a key factor in lowering dropout rates, and moving a student from dropout to graduate yields higher tax revenues and lower government expenditures over their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Establishing community awareness of early brain development in children under 5 is vital to our community's success; and

WHEREAS, Children exposed to positive early reading, singing, and talking by caregivers are less likely to have academic and behavioral problems in school.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the City of Sugar Hill, Georgia, do hereby declare September 25, 2020, as Building Babies' Brains Day in Sugar Hill and encourage all residents to mark their calendars for September 25 to visit BuildingBabiesBrains.com on the website's launch day and learn more about resources and opportunities to enhance brain development in children under the age of 5.

So Proclaimed this 14th day of September, 2020.

Steve Edwards, Mayor

Susie Walker, Mayor Pro Tem

Taylor Anderson, Council Member

Marc Cohen, Council Member

Brandon Hembree, Council Member