



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Marc Cohen, a former member of the Sugar Hill Planning Commission and a long-standing City Council Member of the City Council from 2004 to 2023, he was also elected by his Council peers several times as Mayor Pro Tem; and

WHEREAS, Marc was the founding chair of the Sugar Hill Arts Commission established in 2014. The SHAC was responsible for establishing the Sugar Hill Art Gallery located in The Local on West Broad Street. The Art Gallery hosts countless exhibits from local artists from across the region; and his passionate advocacy was instrumental for construction of both the Bowl at Sugar Hill and the Eagle Theater; and

WHEREAS, Marc spearheaded the City's 75th Anniversary Celebration from which spurred the new logo, the Sugar Hill Historic Preservation Commission, Arts Commission, Marshal's Office, Youth Council, Veterans Memorial, and other community building activities; and

WHEREAS, Marc was very involved in the Georgia Municipal Association where he served multiple terms as President of District 3 NE and representative to the University of Georgia Municipal Training Board; and

WHEREAS, Marc serves as Chair of the Gwinnett County Police Citizen Advisory Board; Sr Vice Commander of the Sons of the American Legion Post 127; a Merit Badge Counselor for the Boy Scouts of America, member of both the North Gwinnett High School and North Gwinnett Middle School Councils; and Scholarship Chair of the Gwinnett Student Hockey League; and served in leadership roles for the NGHS Marketing/DECA Advisory Board; Artworks Gwinnett, and the North Gwinnett Schools Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Marc is a 2018 graduate of Leadership Gwinnett where he continues to serve as a Study Group Facilitator and Board Co-Chair; and

WHEREAS, Marc has received a variety of awards and recognitions for government service including the University of Georgia, Carl Vinson Institute of Government Certificate of Recognition, Certificate of Achievement, Certificate of Excellence, Certificate of Distinction, Certificate of Dedication and the Knox Municipal Leadership Institute; and

WHEREAS, Marc is a marketing and operations professional who has a passion for community involvement. He earned a BA in Economics/Business from the University of California at Los Angeles and an MBA from San Francisco State University. He and his wife Marie are very involved in the community where they live, and their two children have grown up. Their children Seth and Jamie are both North Gwinnett graduates are away attending college; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUGAR HILL that they thank Marc for his years of service on City Council and the many contributions that he made while serving. He will always have a place here as a "Champion for our Community".

RESOLVED this 11th day of March, 2024.

Brandon Hembree, Mayor

Alvin Hicks, Mayor Pro Tem

Taylor Anderson, Council Member

Meg Avery, Council Member

Joshua Page, Council Member

Gary Pirkle, Council Member