

**A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
THE HABERSHAM COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC. FOR ITS EFFORTS
TO CELEBRATE THE ENTIRE COUNTY IN CONJUNCTION WITH ITS
50th YEAR GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION | MARCH 11, 2023
PIEDMONT UNIVERSITY – DEMOREST, GA**

WHEREAS, the Habersham County Historical Society, Inc. was established in 1973; and,

WHEREAS, the Habersham County Historical Society, Inc.'s work has captured the County's history and worked to preserve the County's history and memorabilia; and,

WHEREAS, in collaboration with the Habersham County's Bicentennial Book Committee- spearheaded by Bobby Watson, contributing local writers and The Hayes Automotive Group as a major sustaining donor; the Habersham County Historical Society, Inc. published **Habersham200 – New Thoughts of Old Things** in 2018; and,

WHEREAS, the Habersham County Historical Society, Inc.'s 50th Year Golden Jubilee will be guided by **Habersham200** to include celebrations that reflect the breadth and depth of our communities and highlight those aspects that bridge the old with the new and embrace our most recent community members; and,

WHEREAS, the Habersham County Historical Society, Inc. hosted and celebrated several inaugural events: Juneteenth was held at Historic Daes Chapel in Clarksville, and collaborated with *HistoriCorps-Workforce for Saving Places* to renovate Chenocetah Fire Tower Renovation supported by the City of Cornelia and Town of Mt. Airy, and hosted the Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration supported by the City of Cornelia and the Stewart and Carol Swanson Charitable Giving Foundation; and,

WHEREAS, the Habersham County Historical Society, Inc.'s work recorded and captured the early days of our county's citizens, business and municipal work and continues to do so; and,

WHEREAS, these stories and images from these community gatherings were captured by a variety of outlets, including *The Northeast Georgian*, Now Habersham, WCON and other local media; and,

WHEREAS, the 50th Year Golden Jubilee Celebration recognizes the significance of these history-making events and affirms that the Society's coordination and planning will serve as a model by which all diverse histories can be acknowledged, valued and mainstreamed; and,

WHEREAS, the Habersham County Board of Commissioners supports the efforts of the Habersham County Historical Society, Inc., and its partners in commemorating its work of 50 years,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Habersham County Board of Commissioners that we hereby support the Habersham County Historical Society, Inc. in its efforts to capture the history of Habersham County by celebrating its 50th Year Golden Jubilee hosted by the City of Demorest, on March 11, 2023, on the campus of and with support from Piedmont University on its 125th Anniversary; we recognize the importance of this project and the historical significance it will have in the future. We call upon the citizens of our county to participate in this project and encourage your neighbors to do the same.

Attached to and made part of this proclamation, for historical purposes, are the names of Habersham County Board of Commission members, Habersham County Historical Society Inc. Board members, Piedmont University Officials, and City of Demorest elected officials.


Ty Akins, Commission Chairman




Brandalin Carnes, County Clerk