



A Proclamation for the City of Walnut Grove

WHEREAS we are pleased and honored that the City of Walnut Grove Mayor and Council has joined together again this year to pay tribute on this day to the dedicated veterans who have served this great nation with such distinction, both in peace time and in war; and

WHEREAS our community has a continuing sense of gratitude to those who have given so much in the defense of the freedoms which we all continue to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, Americans have an abiding faith in the ideals and strengths on which our great nation was founded, in our democratic process, and in the men and women of the armed forces who have served our country so well; and

WHEREAS, in honor of these dedicated men and women, we pledge our continued defense of our nation so that their sacrifice will stand before the entire world as a tribute to the spirit and determination of a people dedicated to the principles of freedom and democracy; and

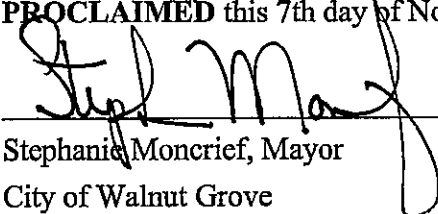
WHEREAS, on this patriotic occasion, let us all commit ourselves to the great need of fostering a spirit of rededication to the ideals that have served as the foundation of this great country – “One nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Stephanie Moncrief, Mayor of the City of Walnut Grove, do hereby proclaim Monday, November 11, 2024, as:

Honor Our Veterans Day

in the City of Walnut Grove, and urge all our citizens to honor our veterans and rededicate themselves to the preservation of our liberties under the Constitution.

PROCLAIMED this 7th day of November 2024.

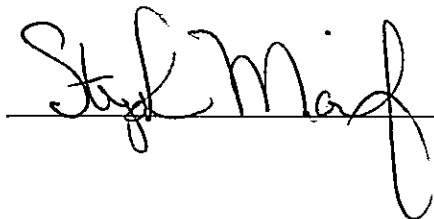

Stephanie Moncrief, Mayor
City of Walnut Grove

STATE OF GEORGIA
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GEORGIA READS DAY PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS:** Literacy is not just an education issue but an economic, workforce, and quality of life issue. It is also a predictor of future educational achievement, economic status, and lifelong health and well-being.
- WHEREAS:** In 2023, 61% of Georgia rising fourth graders did not read proficiently, and research shows that children who are proficient readers by the end of third grade are four times more likely to graduate from high school than their peers who are not reading on grade level.
- WHEREAS:** The General Assembly recognized the importance of literacy skills with the passage of two bills in 2023: SB 211, that created the Georgia Council on Literacy, and HB 538, that requires comprehensive education reforms for reading instruction in the science of reading.
- WHEREAS:** Understanding that collaborative efforts and strategic partnerships must be undertaken to effectively address literacy issues, the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) and its nonprofit organization, Georgia City Solutions, members of the Georgia General Assembly, and football champion now turned children's author, Malcolm Mitchell, partnered with the Georgia Council on Literacy to launch "Georgia Reads" at the 2024 GMA Annual Convention.
- WHEREAS:** Community involvement is essential to literacy improvements and "Georgia Reads" will include recognizing 10 community partnerships that have increased literacy in the past three to five years as Georgia Reads Communities.
- WHEREAS:** September 30, 2024, marks a date when all Georgians are encouraged to create awareness about the importance of reading and encourage community partnerships to promote future literacy improvements.
- WHEREAS:** Together we can improve Georgia's economic vitality one book at a time.
- THEREFORE:** I, Stephanie Moncrief, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2024 as **City of Walnut Grove, GA, READS DAY** and encourage all residents, businesses, and community partners to help promote and elevate literacy as a community priority.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 30 day of September 2024.



Stephanie Moncrief, Mayor