Athens - Clarke County

Proclamation

CLASSIC CITY BAND DAY

WHEREAS, The Classic City Band has continuously operated for fifty years, longer than any wind band in the State of Georgia, their first performance given on July eighteenth, nineteen hundred and seventy-six; and

WHEREAS, The Classic City Band has served the Athens-Clarke County and the surrounding region with dues-free membership for its musicians and free performances for audiences; and

WHEREAS, The Classic City Band has brought music that illuminates the spirit of community and unity for important holidays such as Memorial Day, Independence Day and the Winter Holidays while bringing music to inspire joy, deep emotion and entertainment during every concert; and

WHEREAS, The Classic City Band has performed traditional and modern musical pieces written for the American concert band, keeping alive the history of this American nineteenth century tradition; and

WHERAS, The Classic City Band has this very year, on June twenty-eighth, taken the stage in New York City in historic Carnegie Hall, bringing the name of the Classic City to that lauded stage; and

WHERAS, The Classic City Band has promised a continuation of musical service not just through this ensemble but through several related ensembles, assuring Athens-Clarke County and this region of Northeast Georgia will continue to enjoy an entertaining and musically-sound slate of free and accessible concerts several times a year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kelly Girtz, Mayor of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County do hereby proclaim October 11, 2026, as **CLASSIC CITY BAND DAY** and extend my deep and sincere appreciation to the Classic City Band for its dedication and service to the people and institutions of Athens-Clarke County, and my heartfelt best wishes for its continued success.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Athens-Clarke County to be affixed this October 11, 2026.

Mayor Kelly Girtz
Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County