

Proclamation

WHEREAS, The Georgia School of Orthodontics (GSO) was founded in 2014 by Mr. Chris Lazzara and Dr. Gasper Lazzara with a visionary commitment to expanding access to advanced orthodontic education while providing affordable, high-quality orthodontic care to the citizens of Georgia; and



WHEREAS, the Georgia School of Orthodontics was established with a dual mission of post-secondary professional education and community-centered public service, strengthening Georgia's healthcare workforce while addressing disparities in access to care; and



WHEREAS, since its founding, GSO has distinguished itself through academic excellence, innovation, and integrity, earning national recognition for its accreditation, research initiatives, and commitment to training the next generation of orthodontic specialists; and



WHEREAS, the Georgia School of Orthodontics has made a meaningful and measurable impact by treating more than 14,600 patients, generating significant cost savings for Georgia families, awarding millions of dollars in scholarships, and providing complimentary orthodontic care to underserved populations, veterans, military families, and community heroes; and



WHEREAS, at a time when healthcare disparities continue to challenge communities across Fulton County, Georgia, and the nation, the Georgia School of Orthodontics has demonstrated that access to quality healthcare is not merely an aspiration, but a responsibility delivered with compassion, dignity, and integrity; and



WHEREAS, the Georgia School of Orthodontics has honored the enduring legacy of service and justice exemplified by the late Congressman John Lewis, whose support affirmed the institution's mission to advance opportunity, equity, and access within the healthcare professions; and



WHEREAS, over the past ten years, the Georgia School of Orthodontics has strengthened Georgia's reputation as a national leader in orthodontic education, research, and community engagement, contributing to healthier communities and a more equitable healthcare system;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, do hereby commend and congratulate the Georgia School of Orthodontics on the occasion of its 10th Anniversary, and recognize Mr. Chris Lazzara, Dr. Gasper Lazzara, and the entire GSO community for their outstanding service to Fulton County, the State of Georgia, and the United States, and does hereby proclaim Tuesday, February 17, 2026, as "**GEORGIA SCHOOL OF ORTHODONTICS APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Chair to the Commission

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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