

Proclamation

WHEREAS,

Debbie Seidel Blount is a native Georgian and after graduating from high school in 1976, she immediately joined the work force as an X-ray technician and as a ski instructor; and

WHEREAS,

in 1991, she married her husband, Ben, with whom she developed a deep love of the game of golf; skiing and golf were their joint passions; and

WHEREAS,

with the passing of her husband of 30 years and her father shortly thereafter, she felt a huge void in her life and realized it was time to fulfill her dream of going to college, earn a degree, and play on the golf team; and

WHEREAS,

at the age of 62, Debbie enrolled as a freshman at Reinhardt University in Waleska, Georgia as a 1st generation college student and the oldest registered student at the university; and

WHEREAS,

during her college career, Debbie maintained a 4.0 GPA and was a valued member of the Lady Eagles golf team; and

WHEREAS,

she helped win the university's first Golf Championship at the 2023 Wesleyan Spring Invitational; and

WHEREAS,

Debbie was named Reinhardt University's 2023 Student of the Year, and was lovingly nicknamed "Ancient Eagle" by her teammates in honor of their respect for the wisdom and talent she brought to the team; her classmates admired her so much that she was also nominated for Homecoming Queen in 2021; and

WHEREAS,

Debbie's inspiring journey has caught the attention of several media outlets, including People Magazine, USA Today, The Wallstreet Journal, CNN, the Kelly Clarkson Show, and several others;

WHEREAS,

Debbie is looking forward to graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies this month, and is planning on attending graduate school and having one more year of eligibility with the Lady Eagles golf team;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Debbie Seidel Blount for her inspiring life journey that is admired by young and older citizens, and does hereby proclaim Friday, May 5, 2023 as **"DEBBIE SEIDEL BLOUNT APPRECIATION DAY"** in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Vice Chair to the Commission

Attest:

Janice R. Smith
Clerk to the Commission

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