Presented to:

Archway Partnership Week  
August 31 - September 4, 2009

WHEREAS, the Archway Partnership connects counties facing issues related to economic development to the knowledge, expertise and other resources within the University of Georgia System; and

WHEREAS, the community determines the needs and Archway facilitates identification of faculty and students with expertise and similar interest; and

WHEREAS, part of UGA's mission as a land-grant institution is to serve the people of the State and UGA’s Office of the Vice President for Public Service and Outreach and Cooperative Extension are charged with fulfilling that mission for the university as a whole; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, both units evaluated how they deliver services and how they could improve their capacity to address Georgia’s community and economic development needs and what emerged was the idea of establishing an Archway community that would give citizens better access to all UGA’s resources; and

WHEREAS, Dalton and Whitfield County has been named as the eighth Archway Partnership community. The other counties are Colquitt, Washington, Glynn, Clayton, Hart, Sumter and Pulaski. Whitfield County has been named as the community in Northwest Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Archway Partnership Project will work in tandem with Grow Greater Dalton, a community and economic development initiative, to provide a process for the establishment of a community vision and to provide higher education resources to support the attainment of community goals and objectives; and

WHEREAS, the Archway Partnership Project will initiate the creation of a vision based on input from citizens on Monday, August 31, 2009, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the NorthWest Georgia Trade and Convention Center. This is a Town Hall Listening Session/Community Vision Session and the Archway Partnership Project is an investment in our community's future.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Dalton and the Whitfield County Board of Commissioners proclaim the week of August 31 to September 4, 2009 “Archway Partnership Week” in Dalton and Whitfield County and encourage all citizens of the area to support the community visioning process through their participation and involvement in the Archway Partnership Project.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 27th day of August, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

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DAVID E. PENNINGTON, MAYOR      MIKE BABB, CHAIRMAN
CITY OF DALTON                  WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS