

# *Proclamation Honoring the Public Service and Legal Career of Larry Walker*

- WHEREAS, Larry Walker, is a native of Perry, Georgia, having been born and lived in Perry all his life; and
- WHEREAS, Larry began his legal career in Perry in 1965 following his graduation from the University of Georgia law school as a “double dawg;” and
- WHEREAS, in 1966 Larry was appointed by Council as Judge of the Recorder’s Court at the age of twenty-three and was subsequently appointed as City Attorney for Perry in 1972; and
- WHEREAS, he was elected to the Georgia General Assembly in 1972 where he served continuously until January 2005. In 1983 he assumed the duties of Administration Floor Leader for Governor Joe Frank Harris, and in 1986, he was elected Majority Leader of the Georgia House of Representatives, serving in that capacity for 16 years; and
- WHEREAS, he has served for four years, from 1999 through 2002, as Chairman of the State Legislative Leaders Foundation; and
- WHEREAS, he has served on the Georgia Department of Transportation Board from January 2007 through June 2009, representing Georgia’s 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District; and
- WHEREAS, in August of 2009, Larry was appointed by Governor Sonny Perdue to the University System of Georgia Board of Regents as an at-large member, and he served in that capacity until 2017; and
- WHEREAS, Larry is a recognized leader and authority in both the legal and political fields in our community and in the State of Georgia, as demonstrated by his voluminous contributions to the City of Perry and this great State; and
- WHEREAS, the City is fortunate that Larry remains in Perry, where he will serve in his new role Of Counsel at Walker, Hulbert, Gray and Moore, residing with his wife Janice, teaching his grandchildren all of life’s lessons and continuing his commitment to strengthening our community.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Randall Walker, Mayor of the City of Perry, do hereby proclaim the City’s profound appreciation and recognition of Larry Walker for his dedicated commitment to the citizens of Perry. I extend my personal best wishes upon his retirement of nearly six decades of public service and for continued success in life’s pursuits and encourage all citizens to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Perry to be affixed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

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RANDALL WALKER, MAYOR