

Athens - Clarke County

DR. W. GLENN DOAK DAY

WHEREAS, Dr. W. Glenn Doak, a native of western Pennsylvania, who graduated from Sterling College in Sterling, Kansas with a B.S. in History and Political Science, and who received his master of divinity and doctor of ministry from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, with doctoral work focused in the area of evangelism and church growth, and who was honored by Pittsburgh Theological Seminary as Distinguished Alumnus in Pastoral Care; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Doak served as Assistant and Associate Pastor of the Southminster Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh from 1972 to 1980, was Senior Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Norman, Oklahoma from 1980 to 1986, and has been Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Athens, Georgia since February 1996; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Doak had to shift his loyalties from the Oklahoma Sooners to the Georgia Bulldogs; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Doak has served the Church at large as Moderator of Indian Nations Presbytery in Oklahoma in 1993, was a Minister-Commissioner to the PCUSA General Assembly in 2008, is currently active in leadership in Northeast Georgia Presbytery, and has been the Director of the Church Conference for Large Church Pastors in Orlando, Florida since 2003; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Doak's local community service includes leadership on the Boards of the United Way, Human Right Commission, Samaritan Counseling Center, UGA Student Center, and is currently the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Homes of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Doak is married to Ginny Doak and they have three grown children, Melissa Schafstall, Ryan and Nathan, and three grandchildren, John, Evan and Owen, and we recognize and celebrate their love, care, and support for one another; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Doak's last worship service as the Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Athens, Georgia is June 12, 2016, and he will be recognized to be Honorably Retired by the Presbytery of Northeast Georgia as of June 30, 2016; and

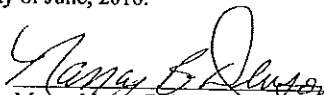
WHEREAS, we give thanks for Dr. Doak's commitment to teaching the faith and equipping First Presbyterian Church of Athens, Georgia for the work of ministry, and we will remember Dr. Doak's preaching, teaching, serving communion, performing baptisms, officiating weddings and funerals, and his faithful pastoral care, and the blessings of his gifts of administration and leadership; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Doak has led transformational change in First Presbyterian Church of Athens, Georgia, and in the lives of its people during the last 20 years, showing the love of Jesus Christ, and deepening faith and discipleship; and

WHEREAS, with thanksgiving to God and gratitude for Dr. Doak's 20 faithful and dedicated years of service to First Presbyterian Church, Athens, Georgia we take this special opportunity to bid "Goodbye" (God be with Ye) and "Fare-Thee-Well" to Dr. Doak.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nancy B. Denson, Mayor of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County do hereby proclaim June 12, 2016 as DR. W. GLENN DOAK DAY and extend my deep and sincere appreciation for his dedication and service and my heartfelt wishes for a successful and enjoyable retirement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Athens-Clarke County to be affixed this 12th day of June, 2016.


Mayor Nancy B. Denson
Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County



Proclamation