

WHEREAS, for more than 40 years, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development has provided CDBG funds to communities that have made tremendous contributions to the viability of its housing stock, infrastructure, public services, and economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG program has as its primary objective the development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing, suitable living environments, and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has given Macon-Bibb County the responsibility of carrying out activities toward revitalizing neighborhoods, economic development, and providing improved community facilities and services, and this allows Macon-Bibb County to receive funds for services and programs that benefit low- and moderate- income persons; and

WHEREAS, in Program Year 2016, Macon-Bibb County has had more than 1,000 people benefit from funded services, including youth mentoring programs, minor home repair programs, family and individual counseling, crisis intervention, homeless services, and case management, and while the award amount has decreased over the years, Macon-Bibb has been able to maximize the award by identifying programs benefiting the most crucial needs in the community; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG program funding has developed a strong network of relationships among the local government, residents, businesses, and non-profit organizations, and it is through these relationships that the Macon-Bibb community is able to grow and thrive as all citizens have an opportunity to participate in quality programs regardless of income,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert A.B. Reichert, do hereby proclaim April 17-22, 2017 as:

“NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK”

in Macon-Bibb County, and this community urges Congress and the Administration to recognize the outstanding work being done locally and nationally by the Community Development Block Grant program by supporting continued funding of the program.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Consolidated Government to be affixed this ____ day of April 2017.

Robert A.B. Reichert
Mayor