



Commission Issues September Proclamations, Appoints New Library Trustee

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TRENTON, Ga. (Sept. 5, 2025) — The Dade County Commission recognized several important causes during its September meeting, issuing proclamations to honor awareness efforts and community initiatives.

Proclamations were read for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, Library Card Sign-Up Month, Adult Education and Literacy Week, Service Dog Month, and National Recovery Month. Each proclamation emphasized the county's support for programs that strengthen families, promote education, and encourage healthier communities.

In connection with National Recovery Month, a community ceremony will be held Monday where County Executive Don Townsend will speak and read the proclamation. Commissioners encouraged residents to participate and show support for recovery programs that serve individuals and families in Dade County.

The Commission also adopted Resolution R-36-25, appointing Phillip York to the Dade County Public Library Board of Trustees. York's appointment follows the resignation of Steven Forester, who stepped down from the library board after his election to the Dade County Board of Elections in order to avoid a conflict of interest. York will serve the remainder of the term, which extends through June 2028.

Townsend noted that the Dade County Public Library currently has 8,890 active library cards, a sign of the strong community interest in library services. Commissioner Bob Woods reminded residents that a library card provides access to much more than books, including digital resources, adult education programs, and tutoring opportunities for lifelong learning. *"Our library does a lot of good things,"* Woods said, encouraging more people to take advantage of its many offerings.

Woods also spoke personally about the proclamation recognizing Service Dog Month. He shared that his son, who was injured while serving in Afghanistan, has greatly benefited from the assistance of a service dog. He said the proclamation was especially meaningful to him and to many other families whose lives are improved through the support of trained service animals.

The Commission expressed appreciation for York's willingness to serve and highlighted the value of strong community leadership in supporting library services. Commissioners also extended their gratitude to the individuals and organizations behind each of the proclamations and reaffirmed their commitment to working alongside local partners for the benefit of Dade County residents.