



PROCLAMATION

FARM CITY WEEK

WHEREAS: Georgia farmers and ranchers play a key role in providing food, clothing, shelter and fuel to our state, nation and the world by producing a bounty of agricultural products. To do this they rely on essential partnerships with urban and suburban communities to supply, sell and deliver finished products Rural and urban communities working together have made the most of our state's rich agricultural resources as they contribute to the health and wellbeing of our state, our country and to the strength of our economy; and

WHEREAS: During Farm-City Week in Georgia, we recognize the importance of this cooperative network. Agriculture contributes more than \$76 billion annually to Georgia's \$809.9 billion economic output. One in seven Georgians work in agriculture, forestry or agriculture-related field. The value of crops produced in Spalding County is \$7.3 million and includes poultry, beef, small grains, hay, vegetables, timber, ornamentals and Christmas trees among other crops; and

WHEREAS: The agricultural industry provides us with food, clothing and shelter as well as fuel for our energy needs. As we welcome new opportunities for trade, the hard work and successful cooperation between farmers and city workers will continue to play a vital role in our state and nation's future; and

WHEREAS: Farm-City collaborations help maintain and improve our food and fiber supply and contribute to a better quality of life for our citizens. We commend the many Americans whose hard work and ingenuity reflect the true spirit of America and help to ensure a prosperous future for all; and

WHEREAS: This week, as we gather with family and friends around the Thanksgiving table, it is fitting that we count among our blessings the vital farm-city partnerships that have done so much to improve the quality of our lives; and

THEREFORE: I, Ryan McLemore, Mayor of the City of Griffin, do hereby acknowledge and proclaim November 21-27, 2014 as Farm-City Week in Griffin, Georgia. We call upon citizens in rural and urban areas to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of all those who, working together, produce and supply our community and nation with an abundance of agricultural products.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 11th Day of November, two thousand and fourteen.

Ryan McLemore, Mayor

Kenny L. Smith, City Manager