

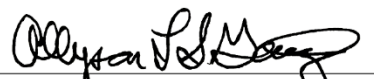


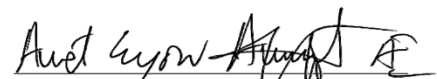
PROCLAMATION

Honoring Kingston Johnson, National History Day –Outstanding Georgia Affiliate

- WHEREAS: The DeKalb County Board of Education is committed to fostering academic excellence and historical inquiry, and DeKalb School of the Arts student, Kingston Johnson, has demonstrated these ideals through his outstanding Senior Level Documentary, "Running Revolution," which masterfully addressed the 2026 National History Day theme, "Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History," by exploring how one individual revolutionized the sport of running; and
- WHEREAS: Kingston achieved 1st place victories at both the District and Regional levels, and secured a 2nd place finish at the state level to advance to the National History Day Competition held June 14-18, 2026, at the University of Maryland in College Park, where he earned the prestigious "Senior Division - Outstanding Affiliate Award" for achieving the top score in the entire Senior Division for the State of Georgia; and
- WHEREAS: These remarkable achievements and Kingston's exceptional academic journey were supported and nurtured by the guidance, mentorship, and dedication of his sponsoring teacher, Mrs. Carmella Blackmon;
- THEREFORE: Be it known that the DeKalb County School District recognizes Kingston Johnson for his outstanding accomplishments in the National History Day Competition and his inspiring commitment to academic excellence, and the Board congratulates Kingston, his teacher Mrs. Carmella Blackmon, and his family on this highly distinguished honor.




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