

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF FULTON

**A RESOLUTION NAMING THE ROADWAY CONNECTOR BETWEEN BOYLSTON DRIVE AND ROSWELL ROAD FOR DR. LEILA DENMARK (DENMARK DRIVE)**

**WHEREAS**, Leila Daughtry was born on February 1, 1898, the third of twelve children to Elerbee and Alice Hendricks Daughtry in Portal, Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, Leila Daughtry graduated from First District Agricultural & Mechanical School (now, Georgia Southern University), and then attended Bessie Tift College, graduating in 1922. Following two years as a teacher, Leila Daughtry attended the Medical College of Georgia, the University's third woman student and the only female student in her class; and

**WHEREAS**, Following graduation in 1928, Dr. Daughtry moved to Atlanta to become the first resident doctor at the newly opened Henrietta Eggleston Hospital for Children. She also married John Eustace Denmark that year, becoming Dr. Leila Denmark; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1930, Dr. Denmark gave birth to her daughter, Mary, and opened a private pediatric practice in her home. For the next 71 years, Dr. Denmark saw patients first in her home, then in offices in Atlanta, Sandy Springs, and finally in rural Forsyth County, where she continued to practice until 2001 at the age of 103; and

**WHEREAS**, An outbreak of whooping cough in the 1930s in Atlanta, Georgia, prompted Dr. Denmark to begin her study of the disease. Over the next six years, her work was published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, and in partnership with Emory University and Eli Lilly & Company, she developed the first pertussis vaccine; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Denmark provided many patients with advice and care and her guidance continues through her book, "Every Child Should Have a Chance"; and

**WHEREAS**, At the time of her retirement in 2001, Dr. Denmark was said to be the world's oldest practicing physician in the U.S. Dr. Denmark died in April 2012 at the age of 114 years, but her influence has improved the lives of many within Sandy Springs and the region.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia, while in regular session on August 1, 2017, as follows:

1. The City Council of the City of Sandy Springs does hereby approve the naming of the roadway connector located between Boylston Drive and Roswell Road as Denmark Drive; and
2. This resolution is effective August 1, 2017.

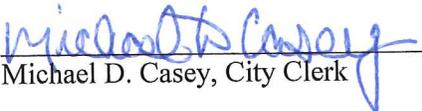
**RESOLVED** this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 1, 2017.

Approved:



Russell K. Paul, Mayor

Attest:



Michael D. Casey, City Clerk

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