

Proclamation

WHEREAS, **Sandy Springs Reads**, a "One City, One Book" event, was founded in 2012 to promote literacy and a sense of community by engaging citizens in discussions and activities around a common book; and

WHEREAS, To promote literacy in Sandy Springs, **Sandy Springs Reads** (a program of Art Sandy Springs) is partnering with the Sandy Springs Education Force, the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System, and the Friends of the Sandy Springs Library to launch the third annual event in October 2014; and

WHEREAS, The City is honored to announce that this year's book selection is the best-selling novel, *A Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail* by Bill Bryson. Companion books for younger readers include *A Week in the Woods*, by Andrew Clements; *Hatchet*, by Gary Paulson, and *Lost in the Woods*, by Carl Sams; and

WHEREAS, **Sandy Springs Reads** will bring a variety of educational opportunities to our public school students and the Sandy Springs community with author talks and book discussions, as well as guided nature walks at local parks, and the screening of a movie about hiking the Appalachian trail; and

WHEREAS, The City commends **Sandy Springs Reads** for promoting literacy in Sandy Springs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rusty Paul, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Sandy Springs and on behalf of the City Council proclaim September 16, 2014 **Sandy Springs Reads Day** in the City of Sandy Springs.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia, on this 16th day of September 2014.

Rusty Paul,

Mayor