

*Proclamation Honoring Business Owner
and Community Leader
Robert Foster Rhodes*

- WHEREAS, Robert Foster Rhodes, was born and raised in Martinez, Georgia; and
- WHEREAS, Foster began his career in the farm equipment business in Perry in 1974 working for Mr. Cohen Walker following his graduation from the University of Georgia where he received his B.S. in 1967 and his Masters in 1969 in Animal Science and Genetics; and
- WHEREAS, in 1976, the business formally known as Gray-Walker Tractor Company name changed to Walker-Rhodes Tractor Co., Inc. where it was a source for agricultural and industrial equipment for the middle Georgia area; and
- WHEREAS, Foster has worked hard in the farm equipment business and has devoted years of hard work and dedication to improving the agricultural and livestock experiences for youth over the state of Georgia; and
- WHEREAS, Foster was instrumental in helping to establish the Georgia National Fairgrounds, working from concept in the mid-1980s to the first Georgia National Fair held at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in 1990; and
- WHEREAS, Foster is a key member of the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority and serves as chairman of the Authority; and
- WHEREAS, Foster's service to the community includes former chairman of the Administrative Board at Perry United Methodist Church and Sunday school superintendent. He also received the Community Service award from the Perry Chamber of Commerce and was named the Kiwanis Man of the Year; and
- WHEREAS, Foster is a recognized leader in our community as demonstrated by his numerous contributes to the City of Perry and Houston County; and
- WHEREAS, the City is fortunate that Foster remains in Perry, residing with his wife Martha Ann teaching his grandchildren all of life's lessons and continuing his commitment to strengthening our community.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Randall Walker, Mayor of the City of Perry, do hereby proclaim the City's profound appreciation and recognition of Robert Foster Rhodes for his dedicated commitment to the citizens of Perry. I extend my personal best wishes upon his retirement of forty-eight years of service and for continued success in life's pursuits and encourage all citizens to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Perry to be affixed this 5th day of July, 2022.

RANDALL WALKER, MAYOR