

**CLAYTON COUNTY RECOGNIZES
MARCH FOR MEALS MONTH
MARCH 2013**

- WHEREAS:** On March 22, 1972, President Richard Nixon signed into law a measure that amended the Older Americans Act of 1965 and established a national nutrition program for seniors 60 years and older; and
- WHEREAS:** The Meals on Wheels Association of America established the National March For Meals Campaign in March 2002 to recognize the historic month, the importance of Older Americans Act Senior Nutrition Programs, and to raise awareness about senior hunger in America; and
- WHEREAS:** The 2013 observance of the March For Meals campaign provides an opportunity to support Senior Nutrition Programs that deliver vital and critical services by donating, volunteering, and raising awareness about senior hunger. As part of this year's observance, County Commissioners, local Mayors, and Public Safety Officers will join the Meals on Wheels team, consisting of Senior Services Aging Staff and volunteers, and on March 18-20 deliver hot, nutritional meals to our homebound seniors; and
- WHEREAS:** Volunteer drivers for Meals on Wheels programs in Clayton County, Georgia are the backbone of the program. They not only deliver nutritious meals to homebound seniors and individuals with disabilities, but they also provide caring concern and attention to their well being; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2012, Clayton County Senior Services Meals on Wheels Program provided 3,459 nutritious meals per month and 41,496 meals per year to seniors throughout the county. These meals have allowed many county residents to remain independent in their homes for as long as possible. Additionally, the county's Meals on Wheels Program serves as a powerful socialization opportunity for program seniors to help combat the loneliness and isolation that many older adults sometimes experience; now
- THEREFORE:** I, JEFFREY E. TURNER, Chairman, on behalf of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2013 as March For Meals Month and urge every citizen to take time to honor our Senior Nutrition Programs, the seniors they serve, and the volunteers who care for them. Involvement in the national 2013 March For Meals campaign enriches our entire community and helps end senior hunger in America – *so no senior goes hungry.*

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Clayton County, Georgia to be affixed this 5th day of March in the year two thousand thirteen.

Jeffrey E. Turner, Chairman