

GEORGIA, OCONEE COUNTY

# PROCLAMATION

## “AKC RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP DAY”

- WHEREAS, The American Kennel Club is the largest registry of purebred dogs; and
- WHEREAS, This organization was founded on September 17th in 1884 to foster interest in and to promote the welfare of purebred dogs; and
- WHEREAS, The American Kennel Club established September 17th as AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day to promote all aspects of responsible dog ownership, including proper veterinary care, safety around children, obedience training, and licensing, all of which are essential to a happy and healthy bond between a dog and its owner; and
- WHEREAS, Every dog deserves a responsible, educated and respectful owner; and
- WHEREAS, Hundreds of AKC member and licensed clubs, as well as other animal organizations across the country recognize AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day and have committed to educating the public about responsible dog ownership through local events and demonstrations; and
- WHEREAS, Herman C. Michael Park is hosting just such an event on October 7th, 2007, which will include Obedience, Agility, and Therapy Dog demonstrations, Junior Showmanship clinics and an AKC sanctioned dog show match.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, G. Melvin Davis, Chairman of the Oconee County Board of Commissioners designate October 7th, 2007 as “AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day” in Oconee County in support of the efforts of the American Kennel Club and its local affiliation, the Oconee River Kennel Club, to educate the public in the care and training of purebred dogs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of Oconee County, Georgia to be affixed this 4th day of October, 2007.

OCONEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
G. Melvin Davis, Chairman

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