

**A RESOLUTION OF THE DEKALB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO
NAME THE CALLANWOLDE FINE ARTS CENTER AMPHITHEATER IN HONOR
OF ANDREW KEENAN**

WHEREAS, DeKalb County owns and serves as steward of the historic Callanwolde Fine Arts Center, one of the County's premier cultural and educational assets, dedicated to enriching the lives of residents through the visual, literary, and performing arts; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Keenan has served as Executive Director of the Callanwolde Fine Arts Center since December 2017 and will retire in December 2026 after nine years of distinguished leadership and dedicated public service; and

WHEREAS, under Mr. Keenan's leadership, Callanwolde Fine Arts Center has expanded its artistic programming, strengthened its financial and organizational foundation, enhanced its role as a cultural destination for DeKalb County, and broadened access to arts education for underserved communities, students, veterans, and residents throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Keenan provided visionary leadership in the redevelopment and revitalization of the Callanwolde amphitheater, transforming it into a vibrant gathering place for community performances and cultural events; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Keenan has personally welcomed audiences and hosted nearly every performance in the Center's acclaimed Jazz on the Lawn and Spring Concert Series, helping establish these events as signature traditions that celebrate music, community, and the arts in DeKalb County; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure, Mr. Keenan has fostered a strong and collaborative partnership between the Callanwolde Foundation and DeKalb County, demonstrating exemplary stewardship of this historic public property and advancing the shared mission of preserving and enhancing one of the County's most treasured cultural institutions; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Callanwolde Foundation has formally requested that the amphitheater be named in honor of Andrew Keenan in recognition of his extraordinary leadership, lasting contributions, and enduring legacy at the Callanwolde Fine Arts Center; and

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners finds that naming the amphitheater in honor of Andrew Keenan is an appropriate and lasting tribute to an individual whose vision, dedication, and service have significantly enriched the cultural life of DeKalb County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County, Georgia, that the amphitheater located at the Callanwolde Fine Arts Center is hereby officially designated as the **Andrew Keenan Amphitheater**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Executive Officer, or her designee, is authorized to coordinate with the Callanwolde Foundation and the appropriate County departments to install appropriate signage and implement this designation in accordance with County policies and procedures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk to the Board shall transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Callanwolde Foundation, the Chief Executive Officer, the Director of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs, and other appropriate County officials.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County, this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Chakira Johnson
Presiding Officer
Board of Commissioners
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, this _____ day of _____, 2026.

LORRAINE COCHRAN-JOHNSON
Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BARBARA NORWOOD-SANDERS, CCC
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and
Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

TERRY PHILLIPS
Interim County Attorney