

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*, James Kenneth Bates, Jr., was born on October 21, 1984, in Atlanta, Georgia, to James Kenneth Bates, Sr., and the late Deborah Jackson Sanders; and



*WHEREAS*, James was educated in Atlanta Public Schools where he attended Fickett Elementary, Bunche Middle School, and graduated from Therrell High School; he furthered his education at Atlanta Technical College where he earned his degree in carpentry; and



*WHEREAS*, James worked in the logistics and warehouse industry throughout his adult life, with his final employer being Elevated Solutions; and



*WHEREAS*, James loved the sport of football and proudly coached the PTD 6U Knuckleheads and later the William Walker 9U football team, mentoring countless young athletes and leaving a lasting impact on everyone he trained; and



*WHEREAS*, James enjoyed traveling with his loving wife, Bennetta Hann-Bates, playing virtual video games with opponents from all over the world, and he had a special love for his beloved Atlanta Falcons, cheering them on every Sunday from his favorite black lounge chair; and



*WHEREAS*, in addition to his loving wife, Bennetta, James leaves to cherish his memory his beloved children: Brandon, Zaron, Zyvion, Korri, Aulani, Jalisa, and Jaida; his father, James Kenneth Bates, Sr.; his siblings: Jamir Denson, Sr., Marcellus Jackson, and Aiyannah Sanders; his mother-in-law, Annette Osae, and brother-in-law, Benjamin Hann; one uncle, Michael W. Jackson, three aunts: Kenya Baqi, Audraine Jackson, and Commissioner Khadijah Abdur-Rahman, and a host of extended family and friends;



*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognize James Kenneth Bates, Jr. for a life of integrity and dedication to his family and community, and does hereby proclaim Saturday, November 29, 2025, as "**JAMES KENNETH BATES, JR. REMEMBRANCE DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.



Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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Commissioner

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Clerk to the Commission

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