

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS,**

William Rufus Godfrey was born on May 18, 1948, in Gay, Georgia, alongside his twin sister, Annie Ruth, to Lula Reid Godfrey and John Will Godfrey; the twins were the sixth and seventh children born to the family alongside siblings Eula Mae, John (Sam), Mozelle, Royal C., and Robert; and



**WHEREAS,**

William was formally educated in the Greenville Public School system and furthered his education at Clark College in Atlanta; he was the first person in his family to attend college and went even further to earn his Master's degree in Business Administration from the State University of Buffalo in New York in 1973, and he completed the Senior Executive Fellows Program at the Harvard Kenneth C. Griffin Graduate School of Arts and Sciences; and



**WHEREAS,**

William began his career as a management trainee at Wells Fargo Bank in San Francisco, California and relocated to Atlanta, Georgia where he founded WRG Associates in 1995; Bill served in several capacities and retired as Deputy Director of the Property Management Division in 2011; he was a consultant to some of the largest insurance companies in the country and was a founding member of the National Forum for Black Public Administrators; and



**WHEREAS,**

William joined Ben Hill United Methodist Church and was a faithful member for many years, and he most recently attended Impact Church; he was also a proud member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., serving as president of his college pledge group, the Scrollers; and



**WHEREAS,**

William's greatest achievement was his family; he leaves to cherish his memory his wife and college sweetheart, Joyce Lincoln, three beloved children: William Runako, Kenan Anderson, and Sarah Nyasha Audrey, seven grandchildren, and a host extended family and friends;



**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes William Rufus Godfrey for a life of integrity and dedication to his family and community, and does hereby proclaim Saturday, March 16, 2024 as "**WILLIAM RUFUS GODFREY REMEMBRANCE DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

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Commissioner

Attest:

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Clerk to the Commission