

Proclamation

WHEREAS,

Dr. Doris Derby was a native of the Bronx, New York and a scholar and professor who founded Georgia State University's Office of African American Student Services and Programs; and



WHEREAS,

Dr. Derby was a painter and photographer who documented the lives of African Americans through photographs and books of poetry that told the stories of Black people to ensure that future generations will never feel unseen again; and



WHEREAS,

with a history of activism behind her, including her grandmother who was a founding member of the NAACP, Dr. Derby joined the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), co-creating its Free Southern Theater, and worked with freedom fighters like Ambassador Andrew Young and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; and



WHEREAS,

Dr. Derby was invited to Jackson, Mississippi in 1963 to develop a literacy program at Tougaloo College to prepare Black people to vote; she was also a friend and supporter of the ArtsXchange and was the 2021 Change Maker honoree at the Ebon Dooley Arts & Social Justice Awards; and



WHEREAS,

Dr. Derby and her husband, Bob Banks, made Atlanta their home and remained active in the arts and culture scene that was one of her life's passions;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Dr. Doris Derby for a life of integrity, passion, and dedication to her community and the fight for racial justice in the South and beyond, and does hereby proclaim Saturday, June 10, 2023 as "**DR. DORIS DERBY REMEMBRANCE DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.



Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner

Attest:

Commissioner

Clerk to the Commission

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