

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Akram Siraj Al-Uqdah was born on March 7, 1949 in Brooklyn, New York and was educated in the public school system of New York; he earned his Associate's degree in Computer Science in Tennessee; and



WHEREAS, Akram was an athlete in several sports in his youth, including track and field, basketball, and the martial arts; he also accepted Islam as a way of life in his late teens under the Nation of Islam, led by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, and was known affectionately as Brother Alfred X; he later took the name of Akram Siraj Al-Uqdah under the following and teaching of W.D. Muhammad; and



WHEREAS, Akram relocated to Atlanta in 1992 and married Khadijah Abdur Rahman and was an active member of the Islamic Community in Atlanta, often donating hours of feeding, community cleanups, visiting the sick, and volunteering in local political campaigns and civic organizations; and



WHEREAS, Akram loved the transportation industry and devoted 17 years of service with the New York Transit System, and upon his relocation to Atlanta, he became a bus operator with MARTA for 16 years; and



WHEREAS, Akram traveled extensively and fulfilled his 5th pillar of Islam by completing his Hajj to Mecca not once, but three times; and



WHEREAS, Akram leaves to cherish his memory his six children: Raquib Gunther and Ruqayyah Gunther of Philadelphia, Malik Jones and Khariyyah Jones of New York, and Mustafaa Siraj Al-Uqdah and Madinah Daaiyah Al-Uqdah of Atlanta; two grandsons, Gabriel Jones and Tijee Gunther, and two granddaughters, Leah Jones and Arianna Jones; and one brother, Melvin Gunther of New York, and his Sister in Islam, Commissioner Khadijah Abdur Rahman of Atlanta;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognize Akram Siraj Al-Uqdah for a life of service And devotion to his family and community, and does hereby proclaim Tuesday, January 4, 2022 as "AKRAM SIRAJ AL-UQDAH REMEMBRANCE DAY" in Fulton County, Georgia.



Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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