

# Proclamation



*WHEREAS,*

On September 19, 1963, at Morgan State College, twelve students founded what is now the nation's fifth largest, predominantly African American social service fraternity, Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Incorporated; and



*WHEREAS,*

the Honorable founders of Iota Phi Theta are: Albert Hicks, Lonnie Spruill, Jr. Charles Briscoe, Frank Coakley, John Slade, Barron Willis, Webster Lewis, Charles Brown, Louis Hudnell, Charles Gregory, Elias Dorsey, Jr., and Michael Williams; and



*WHEREAS,*

Iota Phi Theta functioned as a local entity until the first interest groups were established in 1967 at Hampton Institute and Delaware State College; further expansion took place in 1968 with chapters being formed at Norfolk State College and Jersey City State College, and today, the fraternity consists of over 300 chapters located in 40 states and other countries including Japan, Korea, Colombia, and the Bahamas; and



*WHEREAS,*

as Iota Phi Theta continues to grow and strengthen, so does its commitment to making meaningful contributions to society, with particular emphasis on the African American community; and



*WHEREAS,*

the Men of Brown and Gold celebrates their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, and remain strongly committed to the founding principles of Scholarship, Leadership, Citizenship, Fidelity, and Brotherhood;



*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,* That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. for their many contributions to society and the African American community, and celebrates the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their founding, and does hereby proclaim Thursday, July 27, 2023 as "**IOTA PHI THETA FRATERNITY, INC. APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.



Fulton County Board of Commissioners

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Commissioner

Attest:

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Clerk to the Commission

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