

Proclamation

WHEREAS,

Elizabeth Markowitz earned her Law degree from Emory University School of Law in 1990 and served as Editor for the Bankruptcy Developments Journal and formed the Prisoners Legal Aid Project while pursuing her degree; and

WHEREAS,

Elizabeth began her career at the Fulton County Public Defender's Office in November of 1990 and in her first year of trying cases, she tried eighteen in a row; and

WHEREAS,

Elizabeth and former District Attorney Paul Howard created the Complaint Room, shifting cases from the City of Atlanta to Fulton County so that better case processes could be implemented, and cases move efficiently through the system; she is also a founding member of the Fulton County Mental Health Task Force; and

WHEREAS,

Elizabeth is a Supervising Attorney and coordinator of the Pre-indictment, Non-complex and Accountability Court divisions of the Atlanta Circuit Public Defender's Office, and she is an adjunct professor at Emory University School of Law and teaches for the National Institute of Trial Advocacy across the country and across the globe; she has also assisted in starting a public defender system in Nassau, Bahamas; and

WHEREAS,

Elizabeth serves annually as a trial instructor with the Kessler-Eidson Program for Trial Techniques at Emory School of Law, and she serves as a contributing member on projects conducted by the Center for Advocacy and Dispute Resolution at Emory School of Law; immediately after her retirement from Fulton County, she will work with NITA, Lawyers Without Borders, and Justice Defenders in Africa to teach defendants in custody how to try their own cases in a system that has no public defenders and where 95% of defendants represent themselves;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, and all associated with the Public Defender's Office, recognizes Elizabeth Markowitz for her passion and professionalism over the past 32 years of dedicated service, and celebrates with her and her family on her retirement, and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, June 21, 2023 as "**ELIZABETH MARKOWITZ APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

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Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

