

# Proclamation



**WHEREAS,**

John H. Johnson founded Ebony magazine in 1945 to address African-American issues, personalities, and interests in a positive and self-affirming manner, with its first issue being published on November 1, 1945; and



**WHEREAS,**

Ebony magazine's initial run of 25,000 copies sold out instantly and solidified its status as the number one publication in the African-American household; and



**WHEREAS,**

Lavaille Lavette is a best-selling author, educator, producer, social entrepreneur, and the President and Publisher of Ebony magazine's imprint Ebony Publishing; and



**WHEREAS,**

Lavaille Lavette has published a new coffee table book titled *Ebony: Covering Black America*, that celebrates the 75 year history of Ebony magazine; and



**WHEREAS,**

the legacy of Ebony magazine will continue under the leadership of its new owners, Ulysses "Junior" Bridgeman and Eden Bridgeman Sklenar, and members of the Ebony brand executive team: Charles Alexander, Michele Thornton Ghee, and Lavaille Lavette, who are all committed to continuing the growth and expansion of the magazine and the brand; and



**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners commends the cultural contributions of Ebony magazine for many generations of African-Americans, and celebrates the publication of the commemorative book with the Ebony magazine team, and does hereby proclaim Friday, March 5, 2021 as **"EBONY: COVERING BLACK AMERICA APPRECIATION DAY"** in Fulton County, Georgia.



Fulton County Board of Commissioners

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Commissioner

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Clerk to the Commission

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**WHEREAS,**

The Social Work Profession for decades has been dedicated to improving human well-being and enhancing the basic needs of all people—especially the most vulnerable among us and this year's theme, "Social Workers Are Essential," embodies the heroic contributions of the Social Work profession to our nation, including the work Social Workers have done to heal our nation during these times of pandemic, racial unrest, and economic uncertainty; and



**WHEREAS,**

School Social Workers are valuable members of the multidisciplinary team who have a central role in creating a positive school climate, serving as a vital link between the home, school, and community to ensure that students remain in school and graduate, reach their fullest academic potential, and grow socially and emotionally; and



**WHEREAS,**

School Social Workers have expertise in many areas; including human growth and development, mental health, positive behavioral supports, effects of family and environmental dynamics on the student, child abuse and neglect, community resources; and



**WHEREAS,**

School Social Workers are present in times of crisis; connecting students and staff to wraparound supports that assist with wellness matters, providing supports that help with overcoming traumatic events; and linking families and communities to resources that help with recovery from natural disasters such as floods and hurricanes; and



**WHEREAS,**

School Social Workers are professionally trained to provide services to students who face serious challenges to school success, including poverty, discrimination, abuse, addiction, homelessness, divorce of parents, loss of a loved one, and other barriers to learning; and



**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes March as Professional Social Work Month and proclaims March 7-13, 2021 as "**NATIONAL SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK WEEK**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

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**WHEREAS,**

Tamara Carrera began her career with Community Assistance Center as a volunteer in 1993 and was ultimately hired in 1997 to be the non-profit's fourth director; and



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**WHEREAS,**

Tamara Carrera has since led the organization's mission to provide and centralize assistance to address growing poverty in the Sandy Springs and Dunwoody communities despite the area's developing affluence; and



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**WHEREAS,**

Tamara Carrera was the driving force behind Community Assistance Centers' growth from a small charity providing food and clothing to about 280 families each year, to the go-to emergency assistance agency serving more than 6,500 individuals each year from 3,000 households; and



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**WHEREAS,**

under her leadership, the Community Assistance Center has become widely recognized as the cornerstone emergency human services agency preventing homelessness and hunger in the Sandy Springs and Dunwoody communities and has grown from \$24,000 a year operation into one with a budget over \$5 million dollars and 18 staff members, more than 400 volunteers, multiple service delivery partners, and a robust base of supporting religious congregations, individual, foundation, and corporate donors in 2020; and



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**WHEREAS,**

during her tenure, Tamara Carrera has carried her faith in the human spirit over to each volunteer, board member, and professional team member involved at Community Assistance Center and leaves an enduring legacy upon her retirement after 27 years of devoted service to her community;



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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners commends the many contributions of Tamara Carrera to the local community and celebrate with her and her family on the occasion of her retirement, and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, March 17, 2021 as **"TAMARA CARRERA APPRECIATION DAY"** in Fulton County, Georgia.

*Fulton County Board of Commissioners*

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Clerk to the Commission

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**WHEREAS,**

Team Carla M. is comprised of supervisor Carla Morrison, and team members: Cameron Atkins, Eesa Chavis, Elis Sanchez, Jonathan Potts, Kgomotso Mothibi, Lauren Powell, Syreeta Greene, Yemisrach Teshome, Yvette McKiever, and Chief Epidemiologist, Dr. Fazle Khan; and



**WHEREAS,**

Team Carla M. completed 92 cases between February 1-12, 2021 versus 63 cases completed by other teams within the Fulton County Board of Health, representing a 46% increase in productivity, and the completion of 9.46% of all COVID-19 cases in Fulton County; and



**WHEREAS,**

positive COVID-19 cases plateaued at approximately 200 cases per day as of March 2, 2021, and continues a generalized downward trend with a positive percentage rate at 6%; and



**WHEREAS,**

Carla Morrison's leadership, entrepreneurial, communications, community engagement, and business skills were on full display as she motivated, encouraged and guided her team, as well as provided resources and created an infrastructure conducive to caring and being empathetic to cases and contacts, in addition to producing good results;



**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners commends the dedication and efficiency of Team Carla M of the Fulton County Board of Health and honors them during Women's History Month, and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, March 17, 2021 as **"TEAM CARLA M. APPRECIATION DAY"** in Fulton County, Georgia.



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Clerk to the Commission

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**WHEREAS,**

Alfreda "Freda" Stukes is the Owner, President, Founder, and CEO of Stukes Management, LLC, The Joshua Stukes Foundation, Inc., Women of Distinction, Inc., and Men of Distinction Atlanta; and



**WHEREAS,**

Freda Stukes hosted 19 outreach efforts in support of families living in distressed communities, senior citizen assisted living facilities, youth organizations, homeless communities, and first responders between February 2020 and December 2020; and



**WHEREAS,**

Freda Stukes was instrumental in outreach efforts to educate Georgians about the COVID-19 pandemic and partnered with doctors in the local community to form a plan of action to disseminate educational information to citizens about the pandemic; and



**WHEREAS,**

Freda Stukes has been an active volunteer and leader in the Atlanta community for more than 35 years, hosting health fairs, donating clothes and distributing care packets to mothers and families living in shelters, delivering meals to first responders on holidays, and distributing toys and gifts to children living in shelters, among many other charitable and outreach efforts; and



**WHEREAS,**

Freda Stukes has been recognized and awarded for being a servant leader by citizens, council members, mayors, governors, as well as a special recognition from United States President Barack Obama's administration;



**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners commends the many contributions of Alfreda Stukes to the community, and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, March 24, 2021 as "**ALFREDA STUKES APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

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Vice Chair to the Commission

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Clerk to the Commission

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