

Proclamation

WHEREAS,

Lowell F. Dickerson was born in Birmingham, Alabama and was blessed with three mothers; one biological, one grandmother, and one aunt who raised him as her own; and



WHEREAS,

Lowell relocated to Fulton County, Georgia in 1956 to mitigate the oppression of discrimination in most of the South and attended H.M. Turner High School where he excelled in academics and athletics as a varsity basketball, football, and track and field athlete; and



WHEREAS,

Lowell matriculated at Clark College on a full athletic scholarship and was recognized as Outstanding Freshman at the age of 16; he was All SIAC in both basketball and football, and served as captain of both teams, and he later served honorably in the United States Army during the Vietnam War; and



WHEREAS,

Lowell established his first construction company in 1969 specializing in civil construction and general contracting and worked on several major contracts throughout the Southeast including Hartsfield Jackson International Airport's 4th runway and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolence; and



WHEREAS,

Lowell F. Dickerson was inducted into the Atlanta University and the Clark Atlanta University Halls of Fame and lectured at several Historically Black Colleges and Universities on African Studies focused on the philosophies of Marcus Garvey; and



WHEREAS,

Lowell developed a pilot program for West African nations focused on infrastructure improvements and serves as a member of the National Association of Home Builders, H.M. Turner High School Class of '60 Executive Board, APEC Family Foundation Board of Directors, Richard Allen Classic Group, and Life Member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.; and



WHEREAS,

Lowell married his high school sweetheart, Minka Gaines, and was blessed with two daughters, Kimberlee and Angelique; he and his current wife, Denise, share a son, Cameron, and he is the proud grandfather of Khyle (Cierra), Corey Jr.(Jenee), Minka, and Jayden, and great-grandfather to Khylan and Kimmmary;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Lowell F. Dickerson, affectionately known as "Papa", for his dedication to his country, his local community, and his family, and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, January 10, 2024 as "**LOWELL F. DICKERSON APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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