

Proclamation



WHEREAS,

Norman Lumpkin was a native Atlantan and a pioneering African-American broadcast journalist who broke racial barriers to become the first Black television news reporter in Montgomery, Alabama; and



WHEREAS,

Norman was hired by WSFA-TV in 1969 and became a highly respected investigative reporter, news director, and public servant over a career spanning four decades; and



WHEREAS,

Norman served as the news director for WRMA Radio in Montgomery during the Civil Rights Movement, capturing historic moments including speeches by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and



WHEREAS,

Norman rose to become the first African-American President of the Alabama AP Broadcasters Association, and in 1992, he moved to the ABC affiliate WAKA (then WHOA) to serve as their news director and anchor; and



WHEREAS,

Norman left television in 1999 to serve as a media spokesperson and public relations director for the Alabama Department of Transportation until his retirement; and



WHEREAS,

Norman was inducted into the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences prestigious Silver Circle in 2007 for his outstanding contributions to the industry, and he was posthumously inducted into the Alabama Broadcasters Association Hall of Fame in 2026, honoring his career integrity and the path he paved for minority journalists;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognize Norman Lumpkin for his groundbreaking career in news media, and for his enduring legacy that has inspired the careers of countless minority journalists, and does hereby proclaim Sunday, July 5, 2026, as "**NORMAN LUMPKIN REMEMBRANCE DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Vice Chair to the Commission

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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