

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS,*

Dr. Christine King Farris was born in Atlanta, Georgia the eldest of three children to Martin Luther King, Sr. and Alberta Christine Williams King and was a lifetime member of Ebenezer Baptist Church where her father preached when she was a child; and



*WHEREAS,*

Dr. Farris graduated from Booker T. Washington High School, which her grandfather helped to found, and furthered her education at Spelman College, where her mother, grandmother, and great-aunt all matriculated; she earned her Bachelor's degree in Economics in 1948, and earned her first Master's degree in Social Foundations of Education from Columbia University, followed by her second Master's degree in Special Education from Columbia Teacher's College; and



*WHEREAS,*

Dr. Farris began her illustrious career as an educator at W.H. Crogman Elementary, and was later hired as the Director of the Freshman Reading Program at Spelman College, which led to her role as Director of the Learning Resources Center, where she retired after 56 years of distinguished service and educational leadership; and



*WHEREAS,*

Dr. Farris helped to establish the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site in 1980, in honor of her brother and civil rights icon, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and she was the recipient of the Fannie Lou Hamer Award for her tireless work as a civil rights activist; and



*WHEREAS,*

Dr. Farris and her husband, Isaac Newton Farris, Sr., were married in August of 1960 and were the proud parents of two children: Isaac Newton Farris, Jr. and Dr. Angela Christine Farris Watkins; she was also the proud grandmother of one grandchild, Farris Christine Watkins;



***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,*** That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Dr. Christine King Farris for a life of integrity, activism, and dedication to the education of generations of young people, and does hereby proclaim Sunday, July 16, 2023 as "**DR. CHRISTINE KING FARRIS REMEMBRANCE DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.



*Fulton County Board of Commissioners*

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Attest:

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