

# Proclamation



FULTON COUNTY

*WHEREAS,*

Sistagraphy™, the Atlanta-based collective of women of color photographers, will celebrate its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in July 2023 with a special exhibition opening at the Auburn Avenue Research Library on African American Culture and History, in celebration of 30 years of distinguished visual art excellence and creativity; and



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*WHEREAS,*

Sistagraphy™ was organized in 1993 by the late photographer Shelia Turner, who envisioned a photographic exhibit highlighting the diverse range of photographic contributions by African American Women photographers; and



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*WHEREAS,*

Sistagraphy™, meaning “Sisters of Photography,” provides a forum for women of color photographers to examine contemporary and historical issues that affect society through the photographic medium; and



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*WHEREAS,*

Sistagraphy™ is comprised of members from novice to professional photographers, of various ages throughout the diaspora and has participated in over 100 exhibitions since its inception; and



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*WHEREAS,*

in the tradition of the African village, experienced members of Sistagraphy mentor and serve as role models to newer and less experienced members; including projects targeting youth documenting their community; and



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*WHEREAS,*

Sistagraphy™ members merge portraiture, documentary, digital and mixed media artforms, with playfulness and innovation while contributing a unique voice to the broader dialog surrounding fine art photography; and



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*WHEREAS,*

in Sistagraphy™ “the Sisterhood is Strong”, and extends its photographic voice both nationally and international, it is fitting and proper that the City of Atlanta recognizes the outstanding work and community involvement of this collective;

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,*** That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Sistagraphy for their dedication to the artform of photography and its impact on American history, and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, July 5, 2023 as “**SISTAGRAPHY APPRECIATION DAY**” in Fulton County, Georgia.

*Fulton County Board of Commissioners*

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Commissioner

Attest:

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Clerk to the Commission

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