

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Commissioner Lee Morris was born in Greenville, Alabama, and in his youth lived in 14 different cities before graduating from the public schools in suburban Washington, D.C.; he earned his undergraduate degree from Duke University and his law degree from Emory University School of Law; and



WHEREAS, Commissioner Morris has been active for 45 years in his church, St. Dunstan's Episcopal, having served as vestryman, treasurer, youth advisor, Sunday School teacher, choir member, occasional soloist and guitarist; and



WHEREAS, Commissioner Morris spent the majority of his career as General Counsel and Chief Financial Officer for Stevens & Wilkinson, an Atlanta-based architectural-engineering firm, and he served two 4-year terms on the Atlanta City Council in the 1990s, where he chaired the City Utilities and Zoning Committee and the Finance-Executive Committee, was an outspoken critic of corruption and waste in government, and was a proponent of stronger environmental policy, new urbanism, alternatives to automobile-oriented policies and campaign finance reform; and



WHEREAS, Commissioner Morris served two 4-year terms on the Fulton County Commission and served as a member of the Audit Committee, the Defined Benefit Committee, the Defined Contribution Committee, represented Fulton County on the Invest Atlanta Board of Directors and the Atlanta Beltline Board of Directors, and served as Priority Area Sponsor for Justice and Safety on the Justice Coordinating Council, the Justice Reinvestment Initiative, and Project ORCA; and



WHEREAS, Commissioner Morris has always believed in government transparency and helped to establish the Whistleblower Hotline through his work on the Audit Committee, and he worked to increase transparency at the Development Authority of Fulton County, successfully securing open meetings, published agendas, and seats for school board members on the authority; and



WHEREAS, Commissioner Morris, also known as the Taxpayer's Friend, has never voted for a tax increase, and the millage rate never increased during his tenure; he also worked to clarify and expand homestead exemptions;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Commissioner Lee Morris for his commitment to service and for his outstanding representation of the citizens of District 3, and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, December 21, 2022 as "**COMMISSIONER LEE MORRIS APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.



Fulton County Board of Commissioners

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

Attest:

Commissioner

Clerk to the Commission

Commissioner

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