

Proclamation

WHEREAS,

Rev. Jasper Williams, Jr. was born on July 22, 1943 to the Rev. Jasper Williams, Sr. and Alice Steward Williams in Memphis, Tennessee and preached his first sermon at the age of seven; and



WHEREAS,

his mother recorded his first sermon on August 13, 1950 titled "The Living Water" in the family Bible and recalled him standing on Coca-Cola bottle crates so that he could be seen by the congregations; and



WHEREAS,

in 1963 as a 19 year old freshman at Morehouse College, Rev. Williams was invited to preach at Salem Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia and for nearly 60 years, he served in pastorate of the now Salem Bible Church, leading it from a two-Sunday a month church to one mega church in two locations;



WHEREAS,

now Pastor Emeritus of Salem Baptist Church, Rev. Williams' son, Dr. Joseph L. Williams, currently serves as Senior Pastor, and his eldest son, Rev. Jasper Williams, III, serves as the pastor of The Church in Duluth, Georgia; and



WHEREAS,

Rev. Williams served as the Chair of the Evangelistic Committee's "Late Night Services" under the auspices of the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. for 10 years, and has since led his congregation into major projects to provide housing for senior citizens, as well as family strengthening and youth development programs; and



WHEREAS,

Rev. Williams is the recipient of many awards and honors, including the Rev. C.L. Franklin Masters Award, the NAACP Award, and the Award of Excellence conferred by the Gospel Music Workshop of America; he also holds two honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESLOVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners commends the dedication and many contributions of Rev. Jasper Williams, Jr. to Salem Bible Church and celebrates with him, his family, and congregation on 75 years of Preaching Power, and does hereby proclaim Sunday, August 10, 2025 as **"REV. JASPER WILLIAMS, JR. APPRECIATION DAY"** in Fulton County, Georgia.



Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Chair to the Commission

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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