

Proclamation



WHEREAS, The Caribbean Agricultural Delegation represents several nations within the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), a regional organization comprised of sovereign Caribbean states that maintain their individual identities while living, working, and conducting business throughout the region; and



WHEREAS, CARICOM was officially established on July 4, 1973, through the Treaty of Chaguaramas in Trinidad and Tobago, marking a significant milestone toward deeper regional unity, cooperation, and economic integration among Caribbean nations, including former British colonies and the Dutch-speaking nation of Suriname; and



WHEREAS, the foundation of CARICOM is rooted in economic integration, built upon a common market designed to strengthen trade, agriculture, economic development, and competitiveness among member states through coordinated economic policies and shared development planning; and



WHEREAS, the Caribbean Agricultural Delegation plays a vital role in advancing agricultural development and fostering international trade partnerships, particularly with the United States; and



WHEREAS, more than fifty percent (50%) of Caribbean agricultural imports originate from the United States, with the State of Georgia serving as a major supplier of commercial poultry housing, corn, soybeans, premixes, genetic poultry and livestock, and fresh produce including apples, grapes, and strawberries; and



WHEREAS, the Caribbean Agricultural Delegation maintains strong ties to Georgia through annual participation in the International Production & Processing Expo (IPPE) in Atlanta, further strengthening agricultural collaboration, trade exchange, and economic opportunity between the Caribbean Community, the State of Georgia, and Fulton County;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes and honors the Caribbean Agricultural Delegation for its commitment to regional unity, agricultural advancement, and international cooperation, and for its contributions to strengthening agricultural and economic partnerships between the Caribbean Community and the United States, and does hereby proclaim Thursday, January 29, 2026, as **"CARIBBEAN AGRICULTURAL DELEGATION APPRECIATION DAY"** in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Commissioner

Clerk to the Commission

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