

Proclamation

WHEREAS,

Maynard Eaton was an award-winning broadcast journalist, political columnist, freelance writer, and media communications professional who earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Mass Media from Hampton Institute and his Master of Arts degree from Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism; and



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WHEREAS,

Maynard began his career in 1971 as WVEC-TV's first African American newsman, and from 1978 to 1986, he was a multi-award winning political reporter for WXIA-TV Atlanta; and



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WHEREAS,

Maynard served as National Communications Director for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Dr. Martin Luther King's Legacy Organization, and was a professor at both Clark Atlanta University and Hampton University in Virginia; and



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WHEREAS,

Maynard garnered numerous awards and accolades during his illustrious career, including Journalist of the Year by the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, two Atlanta Association of Black Journalist awards for his excellence in writing and reporting, including the Journalist of the Year award in 1985, and several honors from the National Association of Black Journalists; and



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WHEREAS,

Maynard also won eight EMMY Awards for television news reporting and writing, three writing awards from the Associated Press, and he was honored with the National Newspaper Publisher's Award in 2007, among many others;



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Maynard Eaton for a life of dedication and commitment to reporting the news with integrity and transparency, and does hereby proclaim Friday, June 16, 2023 as "**MAYNARD EATON REMEMBRANCE DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner

Attest:

Commissioner

Clerk to the Commission

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