

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Dr. Walter Fuller Young was born in New Orleans, Louisiana on August 18, 1934, to Dr. Andrew Young, Sr. and Daisy Fuller Young, the only sibling of Rev. Andrew Young; he graduated from Baldwin Wallace College in Berea, Ohio, and Howard University Dental School in 1959, followed by the Harvard International Business School Executive Program in 1980; and



WHEREAS, after serving his country as a Naval Officer, Dr. Young established a dental clinic for orphans in 1960 at the Casa Materna Orphanage in Naples, Italy, and adopted a young girl at the orphanage named Enza Falsine, whom he continued to support until she was 18 years old; and



WHEREAS, Dr. Young returned to Louisiana and served as the first Director of the Dental Head Start program that offered free dental care to underserved children and families in the state of Louisiana, and served as the Dental Director for the Peace Corps Training Program in Baker, Louisiana; and



WHEREAS, Dr. Young relocated to Atlanta in 1969 and opened a private practice in Southwest Atlanta where it remains today; at the request of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. he joined his brother to be the Poor People's Dentist at Resurrection City; and



WHEREAS, Dr. Young is a charter member of the 100 Black Men of Atlanta and has worked tirelessly with the Andrew & Walter Young Family YMCA, and he was honored by Howard University School of Dentistry for being the longest practicing dentist and his legacy of service alongside his father, extended to over 100 years of service, and the Georgia Dental Association for 50 Years of dental service; and



WHEREAS, Dr. Young is still active in the First Congregational Church of Atlanta, and he and his wife of 53 years, Sonjia Waller Young, are the proud parents of four: Dr. Walton Waller (deceased), Tonya Williams, Tammy Williams, and Nikki Youngblood, and proud grandparents of five: Danielle, Dr. Marshall Waller, Jonathan, Jr., Trinity, and Gabrielle;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Dr. Walter Fuller Young for his many contributions to his community, celebrates with his family the occasion of his 90th birthday, and does hereby proclaim Sunday, August 18, 2024, as **"DR. WALTER FULLER YOUNG APPRECIATION DAY"** in Fulton County, Georgia.



Fulton County Board of Commissioners

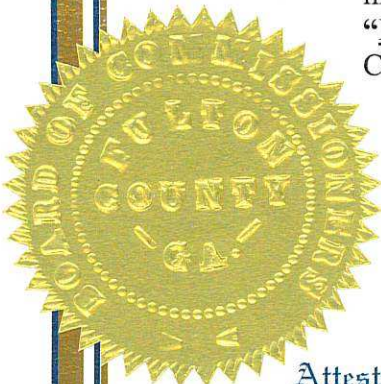
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Chair to the Commission

Attest:

A blue ink signature of the Clerk to the Commission, written in a cursive style.

Clerk to the Commission



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