

Proclamation

WHEREAS,

The observance of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty can be traced back to October 17, 1987 when over one hundred thousand people gathered in Paris, France to honor the victims of extreme poverty, violence, and hunger; and



WHEREAS,

they proclaimed that poverty is a violation of human rights and affirmed the need to come together to ensure that these rights are respected; since then, people of all backgrounds, beliefs, and social origins have gathered every year on October 17th to renew their commitment and show their solidarity with the poor; and



WHEREAS,

October 17th presents an opportunity to acknowledge the effort and struggle of people living in poverty a chance to make their concerns heard, and to recognize that poor people are the first to fight against poverty; and



WHEREAS,

Rev. Hosea L. Williams founded Hosea Feed The Hungry and Homeless, also known as Hosea Helps, one of the largest non-profit social services organizations for the poor and hungry on holidays in North America with the mission to investigate and then raise public awareness about the many problems that are facing families and individuals that are at risk of slipping into poverty, or that are living in poverty, and then to mobilize financial resources, products, and volunteers to solve those problems and stabilize those households; and



WHEREAS,

the full participation of people living in poverty must be at the center of policies and strategies to build a sustainable future, which can guarantee that our planet and our societies can fulfill the needs and aspirations of this and future generations;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes that all people must come together to end poverty and discrimination in order to build a sustainable future, and commends the tireless work of Hosea Helps in this mission, and does hereby proclaim Monday, October 17, 2022 as "**INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY APPRECIATION**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Sponsoring Commissioner

Attest:

Commissioner

Clerk to the Commission

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