

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS,*

Dr. Christine King Farris was born in Atlanta, Georgia the eldest of three children to Martin Luther King, Sr. and Alberta Christine Williams King and is a lifetime member of Ebenezer Baptist Church where her father preached when she was child; and



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*WHEREAS,*

Dr. Christine King Farris graduated from Booker T. Washington High School, which her grandfather helped to found, and furthered her education at Spelman College, where her mother, grandmother, and great-aunt all matriculated; she earned her Bachelor's degree in Economics in 1948, and earned her first Master's degree in Social Foundations of Education from Columbia University, followed by her second Master's degree in Special Education, also from Columbia University; and



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*WHEREAS,*

Dr. Christine King Farris began her illustrious career as an educator at W.H. Crogman Elementary, and was later hired as the Director of the Freshman Reading Program at Spelman College, which led to her role as Director of the Learning Resources Center at Spelman; she is currently the longest serving faculty member in Spelman's history; and



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*WHEREAS,*

Dr. Christine King Farris helped to establish the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site in 1980, in honor of her brother and civil rights icon, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and she is the recipient of the Fannie Lou Hamer Award for her tireless work as a civil rights activist; and



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*WHEREAS,*

Dr. Christine King Farris and her late husband, Isaac Newton Farris, Sr., were married in August of 1960 and had two children: Isaac Newton Farris, Jr. and Dr. Angela Christine Farris Watkins; she is also the proud grandmother of one grandchild, Farris Christine Watkins;



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***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,*** That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, in commemoration of Women's History Month, recognize Christine King Farris for her activism and her dedication to the education of generations of young people in her community and beyond, and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, March 16, 2022 as "**DR. CHRISTINE KING FARRIS APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

*Fulton County Board of Commissioners*

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Sponsoring Commissioner

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Chair to the Commission

Attest:

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Commissioner

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Clerk to the Commission

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