

Proclamation

WHEREAS,

Dr. Thomas W. Cole, Jr. was born the second of four children to Eva and Thomas W. Cole, Sr. on January 11, 1941 in Vernon, Texas; and



WHEREAS,

Dr. Cole earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Wiley College in 1961, and earned his Doctorate degree in Organic Chemistry from the University of Chicago in 1966; and



WHEREAS,

Dr. Cole began his professional career in 1966 when he joined the faculty of Atlanta University where he served as Professor of Chemistry, Chairman of the Department of Chemistry, and both Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs until 1982; he resumed his tenure in 1988 as President of Clark College, and upon Clark's consolidation with Atlanta University, he became the founding President of Clark Atlanta University until his retirement in 2002; and



WHEREAS,

Dr. Cole's professional career included several other presidencies and board memberships, including the Atlanta Area Council Boy Scouts of America, the Advisory Board of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Change, and he was the founding Chair of the Atlanta Committee for Public Education, among many others; and



WHEREAS,

Dr. Cole was a member of Cascade United Methodist Church, emeritus member of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, and Life member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; he was devoted husband to his wife of 57 years, the Honorable Judge Brenda Hill Cole, and father of their two children: Kelley Cole Graham and Thomas W. Cole, III, and grandfather of two: Ava and Samantha Graham;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Dr. Thomas W. Cole, Jr. for a life of integrity and devotion to his family and community, and for his dedication to a quality education for countless college graduates, and does hereby proclaim Monday, April 25, 2022 as "**DR. THOMAS W. COLE, JR. REMEMBRANCE DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.



Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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