

Proclamation

WHEREAS, The Association of Black Foundation Executives(ABFE) was established in 1971 as an all-volunteer organization, credited with many of philanthropy’s early gains in diversity and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, ABFE has since evolved into a fully staffed, influential network and rebranded as ABFE; A Philanthropic Partnership for Black Communities, one of the leading philanthropy-serving organizations committed to advancing racial equity; and

WHEREAS, ABFE’s mission is to promote effective and responsive philanthropy that strengthens Black communities and ensures lasting impact; and

WHEREAS, ABFE has remained steadfast in its commitment to advocating for equitable distribution of philanthropic resources; and

WHEREAS, for over 50 years, ABFE has been the soul of Black philanthropy, serving as a vital home for Black philanthropists and funders while driving transformative change in the sector; and

WHEREAS, ABFE’s Harambee Annual Conference is the largest gathering of Black professionals in organized philanthropy – welcoming allies, co-creators, and co-conspirators committed to advancing Black communities; and this year, ABFE is making history; and

WHEREAS, from April 6-9, 2025, ABFE will convene Harambee 2025 in Fulton County, Georgia, marking its largest gathering yet; rooted in the Kenyan tradition of community self-help and resource-pooling, Harambe, Swahili for “all put together”, embodies the shared values of unity, organizing, and collective investment that have defined ABFE for over five decades;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes ABFE for its dedication to equitable opportunities for Black communities across the nation and diaspora, and does hereby proclaim Monday, April 7, 2025, as **“THE ASSOCIATION OF BLACK FOUNDATION EXECUTIVES APPRECIATION DAY”** in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission