

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Fulton County is the population hub and business and cultural center of Georgia with a rich heritage of progress, inclusion, and service for its citizens, and the Fulton County Commission recognizes that Metro Atlanta is the fastest aging of all metro county areas in the nation, with over 190,000 Georgians by 2025 with reported dementia and 384,000 with self-reported cognitive impairments and a large majority of this individuals residing in Fulton County; and



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WHEREAS, most Georgians wait an average of six years to be diagnosed due to stigma and access to care and the majority of their care is provided by their families within the community with over 607 million hours of unpaid care, valued at a total cost of \$7.6 billion; and



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WHEREAS, Fulton County is desirous of welcoming and supporting its aging population through its Senior Service Department and the efforts of its Commission on Elder Affairs to make the County a Dementia-Friendly community which is informed, safe, and respectful of individuals living with dementia, their families, and care partners, and provide supportive options that foster optimal quality of life; and



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WHEREAS, the Fulton County commission seeks to support these efforts, which are in line with its core priorities of public safety, fiscal stability, infrastructure investment, and community vibrancy, and makes a pledge to promote Fulton County as a leader in being a Dementia-Friendly community as outlined in the Georgia Alzheimer's and Related Dementia State Plan (GARD) adopted by Governor Deal in 2014; and



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WHEREAS, this Dementia-Friendly community effort is being supported and coordinated as a partnership, across all sectors, through the implementation of a Dementia-Friendly Sub-Committee through the Council of Elder Affairs consisting of local governmental entities, healthcare professionals, public safety officials, service groups, businesses, media, and communication specialists, and residents;



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners will continue to work toward a designation of a Dementia-Friendly community as promoted by the State Plan focusing on equity, inclusion, access, and awareness for those living with dementia and by providing a supportive, welcoming, and informed community in which to live, work and visit, and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, February 7, 2024 as "**DEMENTIA AWARENESS DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.



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Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Commissioner

Clerk to the Commission

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