

Proclamation



WHEREAS,

Fulton County proudly recognizes the 20th Anniversary of the Gateway Center, which opened its doors on July 27, 2005, as a vital resource providing trauma-informed care, housing-focused services, and comprehensive wraparound support to individuals and families experiencing homelessness; and



WHEREAS,

Edward “Jack” Hardin and Former Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin, together with community leaders including Horace Sibley, United Way of Greater Atlanta, and the Atlanta Regional Commission, demonstrated visionary leadership and unwavering commitment in establishing Gateway Center as a cornerstone of the city’s response to homelessness; and



WHEREAS,

since its founding, Gateway Center has empowered thousands of individuals and families to transition out of homelessness, advancing Atlanta’s goal to make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring; and



WHEREAS,

Gateway Center continues to galvanize collective action through its unifying campaign *Everybody Vs. Homelessness*™, encouraging government, business, nonprofit, and community partners to join forces in pursuit of housing justice and equity;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the citizens of Fulton County, recognizes and honors Edward “Jack” Hardin, Former Mayor Shirley Franklin, and all who have contributed to Gateway Center’s two decades of transformative service that has uplifted lives, restored dignity, and advocated for housing for all citizens, and does hereby proclaim Sunday, July 27, 2025, as **“EVERYBODY VS. HOMELESSNESS APPRECIATION DAY”** in Fulton County, Georgia.



Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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