

Proclamation

WHEREAS,

Derek T. Mosley is a managing archivist at the Auburn Avenue Research Library on African American Culture and History which opened in 1921 and was the first public library in the Southeast to offer specialized reference and archival collections dedicated to the study and research of African American culture and history; and



WHEREAS,

Mr. Mosely has been a champion for raising awareness and improving access to Black history and culture throughout his career at the Auburn Avenue Research Library, the Ernest J. Gaines Center at the University of Louisiana, and Atlanta University Center's Archives Research Center; and



WHEREAS,

the Morehouse College graduate has been inducted as a Fellow of the Society of American Archivists, a distinction that is the highest honor for outstanding contributions to the archives profession, in which there are only 199 Fellows; Mr. Mosely is one of the four new Fellows named in 2023; and



WHEREAS,

Mr. Mosely was highlighted on the front cover of the Fall 2023 issue of Library News Magazine, published by the Georgia Public Library Service; and



WHEREAS,

Mr. Mosley is leading a project to create a digital exhibit on the origins of the Auburn Avenue Branch Library that will explore its origins, including the efforts of W.E.B. Dubois for the library's creation; he has also partnered with the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society to spearhead a joint project with Georgia Public Library Service to digitize over 11,500 pages of funeral programs from 1886 to 2019 held by both institutions;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Derek T. Mosely for his dedication to the preservation of historical aspects of African American history in Atlanta, the Southeastern United States, and beyond, and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, December 6, 2023 as **"DEREK T. MOSELY APPRECIATION DAY"** in Fulton County, Georgia.



Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Sponsoring Commissioner

Chairman

Vice Chair

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

F U L T O N C O U N T Y