

Proclamation



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WHEREAS,

LaVeda Bennett is a 20-year Marine veteran whose father was a professional musician and civil rights advocate and her mother was a Pentecostal preacher; and



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WHEREAS,

LaVeda was medically discharged from the Marine Corps and began her work as an advocate for women veterans and started her initiative while she was the Washington, D.C. sanctioned VA Volunteer Women's Advocate and Volunteer Representative for women veterans; and



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WHEREAS,

in addition to working with veterans, LaVeda helps others start their gardens, including Chapel Hill Elementary School and Lucious Sanders Elementary; she also volunteers to assist the homeless population by distributing blankets, shoes, food, and personal hygiene products for both men and women; and



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WHEREAS,

LaVeda has worked with several organizations including At Your Service Enrichment which provides clothing, food, and toys to low-income families; Marine Corps League, Marine Corps League Auxiliary, DAV, Soldier's Angels, Marine Heritage Organization, National Association for Black Veterans, Women Marines Association, and Camp Lejeune Contaminated Water, Georgia Military Women, and National Rhythm and Blues; and



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WHEREAS,

LaVeda has received many accolades for her work, including being the first veteran to receive the International Trailblazers Award, Veteran of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Certificate from the State of Georgia recognizing her over 50 thousand volunteer hours; she also has over 20 thousand volunteer hours with the Atlanta VA where she has volunteered since 1994 and she was awarded the Civil Service Veterans Award;



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes LaVeda Bennett for her dedication to our nations veterans and her local community, and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, June 21, 2023 as "LAVEDA BENNETT APPRECIATION DAY" in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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