

Proclamation



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WHEREAS, Andrew Young was born on March 12, 1932 in New Orleans, Louisiana to Andrew Young, Sr. and Daisy Young and earned his Bachelor's degree from Howard University and his Divinity degree from Hartford Seminary in Hartford, Connecticut; and



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WHEREAS, Andrew Young began his career as a Pastor in Marion, Alabama where he became a friend and ally of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; he later pastored in Thomasville, Georgia and Beachton, Georgia before establishing his roots in Atlanta in 1961; and



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WHEREAS, Andrew Young was named the Executive Director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and later became the Executive Vice President during the tenure of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as President; and



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WHEREAS, Andrew Young was elected to the United States Congress in 1972 to represent the people of the Fifth District of Georgia, before being named as the first African American to serve as United States Ambassador to the United Nations appointed by President Jimmy Carter; and



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WHEREAS, Andrew Young was elected as 55th Mayor of Atlanta, Georgia, leading the citizens of Fulton County's largest city from 1982 through 1990, before entering into a number of successful business ventures and partnerships; and



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WHEREAS, Andrew Young's remarkable legacy of civic interests includes service as Co-Chair of the Atlanta Olympic Games, Chair of the Southern Africa Enterprise Development Fund, amongst many others; his portrait is a permanent installation at the Smithsonian Institute's National Gallery in Washington, D.C. where it is on display as inspiration to all visitors;



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Ambassador Andrew Young for his many outstanding contributions and enduring legacy as a civil rights leader, statesman and businessman, and diplomat, and celebrates with him and his family on the occasion of his 90th birthday, and does hereby proclaim Friday, December 8, 2023 as "**AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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