

Proclamation



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WHEREAS, Georgia STAND-UP was founded in 2004 by Lorenzo Scott, Charlie Flemming, and Cathy Howell, and under the leadership of Executive Director Deborah Scott, has served as a “think and act tank for working families,” advancing civic engagement, voter education and registration, workforce development, and equitable public policy, while forging an alliance of community, labor, academic, and government partners to address housing, transit, environmental justice, and economic opportunity in Fulton County; and



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WHEREAS, Georgia STAND-UP has registered tens of thousands of voters, challenged voter suppression through innovative tools like the Orange Book and “Parties at the Polls,” and founded the Policy Institute for Civic Leadership, training more than 500 grassroots leaders to champion progressive change; and



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WHEREAS, Georgia STAND-UP established its workforce development affiliate, Trade-UP/Build-UP, which received national recognition from the U.S. Department of Labor, and now leads programs in construction trades, energy transition, and climate resilience; and



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WHEREAS, through collaborations with Fulton County Government, local stakeholders, and community organizations, Georgia STAND-UP has secured community benefit agreements that prioritize neighborhood character, affordability, and anti-displacement efforts; and



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WHEREAS, Georgia STAND-UP has enhanced the quality of life in Fulton County through initiatives such as the revitalization of Rev. James Orange Park, preservation of Fire Station #7, and the creation of civil rights murals honoring unsung heroes in the Historic West End; and



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WHEREAS, Georgia STAND-UP has been instrumental in advancing transit equity—mobilizing voters for the 2016 TSPLOST referendum, supporting MARTA expansion, and championing transit-oriented development that integrates affordable housing, public transit, and job access in underserved communities, while advocating for community benefits including local hiring, workforce training, and livable wages;



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes the significant contributions of Georgia STAND-UP to advancing civic engagement and social equity across the state of Georgia, and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, September 3, 2025, as “**GEORGIA STAND UP APPRECIATION DAY**” in Fulton County.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Chair to the Commission

Commissioner

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Attest:

Clerk to the Commission



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