

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS,*

Donald George Webster was born on July 15, 1930 in Buffalo, New York, the son of George Foster and Dorothy Oriol and was adopted by his loving and devoted parents, Hodges and Clara Foster Webster; and

*WHEREAS,*

Donald grew up in Crewe, Virginia where he was educated in the public school system and excelled in his academic studies and was a prolific athlete; in 1947, he graduated from the Nottoway Training School and furthered his education at Morehouse College where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1951; and



*WHEREAS,*

Donald was drafted into the United States Navy soon after graduating from college and served his tour of duty aboard the USS Willis A. Lee which anchored in Boston, Mass.; and



*WHEREAS,*

during one of his weekend trips into Boston, he met with a fellow alumnus, the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., who introduced Donald to the love of his life, Ms. Isabel Estelle Gates, a law student at Boston University; they returned to Atlanta and were married by Dr. Benjamin E. Mays and Dr. William E. Mercer at the Danforth Chapel on Morehouse's campus on January 1956; and



*WHEREAS,*

Donald worked as the Assistant to the Bursar at Morehouse and Wilson Realty before his career with the federal government began in 1962; he was a Regional Director at the Department of Labor where he was instrumental in helping the upward mobility of females for promotions; he retired in 1988 after serving a year as an Executive on loan for the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Center; and



*WHEREAS,*

Donald was a member of Radcliffe Presbyterian Church for more than 60 years where he was an ordained Deacon and a member of the Finance Committee and the Men of Radcliffe; his proudest achievement was his family and he leaves to cherish his memory four beloved children: Donald, Jerry, Michael, and former Fulton County Commissioner, Karen E. Webster, one granddaughter, Tristian, a devoted companion, Brooksie Cunningham, and a host of family and friends;



*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,* That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Donald George Webster for a life of integrity and dedication to his family and community, and does hereby proclaim Saturday, March 2, 2024 as "**DONALD GEORGE WEBSTER REMEMBRANCE DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

*Fulton County Board of Commissioners*

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Chair to the Commission

Attest:

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Clerk to the Commission

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