

Proclamation

WHEREAS,

Judge Charles K. Mays, Sr. is a distinguished public servant and legal leader best known for making history as the first African American Probate Court Judge in Rockdale County, Georgia a milestone in the county's journey toward greater diversity and inclusion in local government



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Judge Mays was elected as Probate Judge in 2012 as part of Rockdale County's historic "Slate of 8", the first group of African Americans to hold key elected offices in the county; Judge Mays broke new ground in the judiciary and helped broaden representation in local leadership; and



WHEREAS,

Judge Mays presided over matters crucial to everyday life for county residents, including the administration of estates, guardianships, marriage licenses, and other civil legal functions that serve families and the community; his leadership marked a significant step for Rockdale County and its judicial institutions by reflecting the full diversity of the citizens they serve; and



WHEREAS,

Judge Mays engaged with community programs and initiatives addressing public concerns, including hosting summits focused on issues like mental health awareness demonstrating a commitment to using the bench as a platform for community education and engagement; and



WHEREAS,

As a pioneering figure in Rockdale County's legal and civic history, Judge Charles Mays is recognized for his contributions to expanding access, representation, and service within the local justice system, whose service has inspired others to seek leadership roles in public service;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognize the Honorable Judge Charles K. Mays, Sr. as a pioneering figure in Rockdale County's legal and civic history, and does hereby proclaim Sunday, February 22, 2026, as "**JUDGE CHARLES K. MAYS, SR. APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.



Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Vice Chair to the Commission

Attest:

Janice R. Aron
Clerk to the Commission

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