

# Proclamation



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**WHEREAS,** Ben Howard was a veteran of the United States Army, a lifelong advocate for social justice, equality, and workers' rights who was born with a calling to serve his community and country; and

**WHEREAS,** Ben earned a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy and Speech from California State College in Los Angeles, and a Master's degree in Multidisciplinary Studies, including Administration and Education from the University of California in Irvine; and

**WHEREAS,** Ben worked in the Aerospace Industry with North American Rockwell, where he served as a Union Steward, founded a Black Workers Alliance, and was key in the organization of the first employee-centric Civil Rights Strikes in Los Angeles during the 1960s; he also championed labor and civil rights through successful grievances, complaints, and litigation; and

**WHEREAS,** Ben served on the boards of the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California, the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles Advisory Committee, and he was actively involved with the NAACP in Jackson, Mississippi; his professional contributions included roles as a computer technology instructor and a federal employee for the Occupational Health and Safety Administration, and when retired and relocated to Atlanta in 1997, he began a new chapter as a senior advocate; and

**WHEREAS,** Ben held leadership roles on the Fulton County Commission on Elderly Affairs, the Council on Aging, and various local AARP chapters; he was an active member of Neighborhood Planning Unit R and numerous civic organizations, including the Policy Advocacy Retirement Communities, Purpose Driven Men of QLS and Concerned Black Clergy of Metropolitan Atlanta, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS,** Ben leaves to cherish his memory his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and a host of extended family and friends;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Ben Howard for a life of integrity and dedication to his family and community, and does hereby proclaim Tuesday, February 18, 2025, as "**BEN HOWARD REMEMBRANCE DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

*Fulton County Board of Commissioners*

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Chair to the Commission

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Attest:

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Clerk to the Commission

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