

Proclamation



WHEREAS, Digital Inclusion Week acknowledges the work of the Fulton County Digital Ambassador’s program which connects residents to broadband services and digital equity, which plays an important role in civic, cultural and economic participation in our society, and is necessary for lifelong learning and access to essential services for local communities; and



WHEREAS, the COVID-19 health crisis has shed light on the digital divide; and the need for home internet service, and the large number of American households in all kinds of communities who do not have it; and



WHEREAS, The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is a federal benefit program that provides eligible households, such as those who receive federal assistance, with a discount on broadband service and connected devices; and



WHEREAS, only half of the more than 100,000 households in Fulton County who are eligible for the ACP program have actually enrolled; and



WHEREAS, Select Fulton, in partnership with Goodwill of North Georgia, and \$150,000 in funding provided by Comcast, developed the Digital Ambassador Program to create over 100 strategic access points throughout Fulton County to connect residents with free broadband access via the ACP program; and



WHEREAS, the Digital Ambassador Program also includes Digital Navigators who are internet specialists that attend civic, non-profit and faith based events to get residents enrolled in the ACP program;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County encourages all citizens to raise awareness of digital equity and broadband access issues with the goal of closing the digital divide, and does hereby proclaim the week of October 2 - 6, 2023 as “**DIGITAL INCLUSION WEEK**” in Fulton County, Georgia.

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