

Proclamation

WHEREAS,

Kameshia Dean Stokes was the first-born child of the late Reverend Charles L. and Gwinne Dean Harper Stokes on July 22, 1958, in Athens, Georgia; she graduated from Southwest High School in Atlanta and furthered her education at Paine College in Augusta, Georgia and Antioch Seminary, receiving one B.A. degrees in English and the other in Divinity; she continued her education at West Georgia and Mercer University studying Counseling and Education; and



WHEREAS,

Pastor Stokes became a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. at Paine College where she also met the love of her life, Vincent Thomas; they were married on September 21, 1985; and



WHEREAS,

Pastor Stokes Thomas made history as the first female Pastor of Central African Baptist church in Augusta, Georgia, and she was a professional Life Coach from the School of the Dream Releaser Life Coaching; she was licensed and ordained by her father, Rev. Charles L. Stokes and Dr. C. T. Vivian; and



WHEREAS,

Pastor Stokes Thomas was a member of the Toastmasters International Speaking Club where she received many awards and won several humorous speaking competitions; she was also a self-published author; and



WHEREAS,

Pastor Stokes Thomas was the devoted wife of Pastor Vincent Thomas, Senior Pastor of Grace Covenant where she served as Co-Pastor and her parents, Rev. and Mrs. C.L. Stokes, were the founders; she also leaves to cherish her memory three beloved children: Vincent Charles, Kristin DiOnne, and Michael Carrington, and four grandchildren: Michael Joshua; Kylie Deanna; Vincent Charles II; Michael Joshua, Kylie Deanna, Vincent Charles II, and Michael Justice, and a host of extended family and friends;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Pastor Kameshia Dean Stokes Thomas for a life of integrity and dedication to her family and community, and does hereby proclaim Tuesday, November 26, 2024, as **"PASTOR KAMESHIA DEAN STOKES THOMAS REMEMBRANCE DAY"** in Fulton County, Georgia.



Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Vice Chair to the Commission

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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