

# Proclamation



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*WHEREAS,*

D. Alane Hickman has embodied excellence, leadership, and trailblazing impact within the world of collegiate cheerleading and the broader HBCU community for the past 30 years as Head Cheer Coach at her alma mater, Clark Atlanta University; and



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*WHEREAS,*

Coach Hickman's journey in sports began when she was the only Black girl on her high school cheer team where she competed at the highest levels, and emerged as runner-up at the NCA High School Nationals three years in a row; she was selected to join the National Cheerleaders Association instructional staff in 1993; and



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*WHEREAS,*

Coach Hickman chose Clark Atlanta University in 1993 to further her education, and rose to become Captain of the CAU Cheerleading Team, while serving as NCA Head Instructor, traveling nationwide to train athletes and perform at events; she led CAU Cheer to back-to-back Black College Championships, becoming the first Black College Cheer Champions in 1996 and repeating as All Girl Champions in 1997; and



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*WHEREAS,*

Coach Hickman was named CAU Cheer MVP and received the CAU Senior Award in 1997, the same year she earned her Bachelor's degree; following her graduation, she served as a volunteer coach for two years before becoming assistant coach, followed by her appointment as Head Cheer Coach in 2011; and



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*WHEREAS,*

under her leadership, CAU Cheer has grown into a nationally recognized powerhouse, winning conference championships while maintaining top academic standings; Coach Hickman is the only individual in CAU history to win championships both as an athlete and as a head coach, solidifying her reputation as an expert in her field;



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***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,*** That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes coach D. Alane Hickman for her dedication and commitment to student development, cultural pride, and institutional legacy, and does hereby proclaim Sunday, October 26, 2025, as **"COACH D. ALANE HICKMAN APPRECIATION DAY"** in Fulton County, Georgia.

*Fulton County Board of Commissioners*

Attest:

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Commissioner

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Clerk to the Commission

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