

Proclamation

WHEREAS,

Friends and Family is an annual event derived from the love and fellowship of the parents and supporters of KIPP WAYS Academy in Atlanta; and



WHEREAS,

KIPP WAYS Academy opened in 2003 with 90 5th graders and more than 100 volunteers, staff, and parents; the school grew to educate 5th through 8th grade students and now has an average of 400 students; and



WHEREAS,

the first class of 5th graders traveled to Ghana, Africa when they became 8th graders, and students annually take educational trips to Washington, D.C., North Carolina, New York, and many other places; and



WHEREAS,

David Jernigan was the Principal and Founder, and instituted the current motto: *One Team. One Family*, which has been a constant and has sustained many;



WHEREAS,

to continue the tradition of community support of students, parents, and staff, June 24th has been designated to commemorate and celebrate life and love, and pass out hugs along the way; and



WHEREAS,

KIPP WAYS Academy deemed it appropriate to recognize and award the fundraising efforts of Commissioner Khadijah Abdur Rahman for her engagement and support as a KIPP WAYS Academy parent while two of her children were students;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes the Friends and Family of KIPP WAYS Academy for 20 years of supporting the whole student, which includes their families, teachers, staff, and community, and does hereby proclaim Saturday, June 24, 2023 as "**KIPP WAYS ACADEMY FAMILY AND FRIENDS APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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