

Proclamation



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WHEREAS, Ms. Xernona Clayton was born in Muskogee, Oklahoma and moved to Atlanta, Georgia in 1965 when civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. expressed a need for her help, and consequently, she worked closely with Dr. and Mrs. King during the Civil Rights Movement; and



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WHEREAS, Ms. Clayton began a pioneering television career in 1967 becoming the first Black person to host a regularly schedule television program and serving as Corporate Vice President for Urban Affairs of Turner Broadcasting where she was employed for 30 years; and



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WHEREAS, Ms. Clayton is the Founder, President and CEO of the Trumpet Awards Foundation, Inc. and Creator and Executive Producer of the Foundation's Trumpet Awards, a prestigious event televised annually and distributed internationally to over 185 countries around the world highlighting African American accomplishments and contributions; and



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WHEREAS, Ms. Clayton created The International Civil Rights Walk of Fame in 2004 to give recognition to those courageous soldiers of justice who sacrificed and struggled to make equality a reality for all; and



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WHEREAS, Ms. Clayton has been recognized with honors that include the National Association of Minorities in Cable's Mickey Leland Award, the Madam C. J. Walker Award from EBONY'S Outstanding Women in Marketing and Communications, and she is the first recipient of the Coretta Scott King Award from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; she has been bestowed honorary degrees from Clark Atlanta University, Alcorn State University, and her alma mater, Tennessee State University; and



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WHEREAS, Ms. Clayton opened The Xernona Clayton School in the Ashanti Region of Ghana to not only provide quality education to children in the area, but to also promote educational and cultural programs between the students and their counterparts in the United States;



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County commend the trailblazing career and accomplishments of Xernona Clayton in commemoration of Women's History Month, and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, March 16, 2022, as "XERNONA CLAYTON APPRECIATION DAY" in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Sponsoring Commissioner

Chair to the Commission

Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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