

Proclamation

WHEREAS, State Senator Vincent D. Fort was first elected to the State Senate from the 39th District in 1996 and reelected ten times; he serves as Democratic Whip in the Senate, the number two position in the State Democratic Caucus, a position he has held since 2011; and



WHEREAS, The New Britain, Connecticut, native received his Master's in African American History from Atlanta University, where he wrote his thesis on an oral history of the sit-in movement during the civil rights era at the Atlanta University Center; and



WHEREAS, Senator Fort authored the first hate-crime law in 2002, providing for enhanced penalties for defendants who intentionally select their victim due to bias or prejudice; he also introduced a predatory lending law that same year, which formed the basis for the most robust predatory lending law of its kind, and since then, Senator Fort has become nationally recognized as a leader in the fight against predatory lending and foreclosures; and



WHEREAS, Senator Fort is responsible for securing \$40 million in funding for buildings at Atlanta Technical College and Atlanta Metropolitan College, and he has been a vigilant protector of public education as a member of the Senate Education Committee; and



WHEREAS, Senator Fort's tireless dedication to addressing major issues has earned Senator Fort numerous accolades from organizations such as the NAACP, AARP, Georgia Council on Aging, and the Georgia Commission on the Holocaust; he has been recognized as Legislator of the Year by the Georgia Association of Educators, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc., Improved Benevolent Protective of the Elks and the National Association of Consumer Advocates, while the Anti-Defamation League presented him their 'Unsung Hero' award;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Senator Vincent D. Fort for his excellence in public service and express our gratitude for his immeasurable contributions to Fulton County and the State of Georgia, and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, December 18, 2024 as, "**SENATOR VINCENT FORT APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.



Fulton County Board of Commissioners

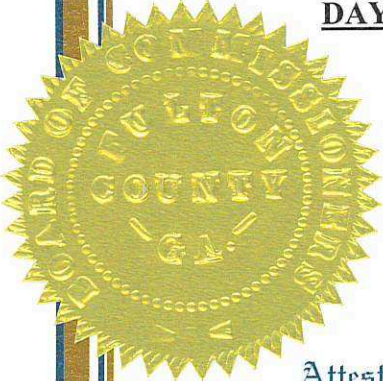
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Attest:



Clerk to the Commission



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