

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Paula Lawton was born on September 25, 1937 in Cleveland, Ohio the eldest child of Mary Patricia Walsh Lawton and G. Albert Lawton; she graduated magna cum laude from St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, Indiana, earned a Juris Doctor from Yale Law School, followed by graduate work at Middlebury College and the National Autonomous University of Mexico; and



WHEREAS, Paula became the first woman associate hired by Sutherland Asbill & Brennan in Atlanta, and 1963, went to work for the Peace Corps in Washington, DC; she later researched international law on a Fulbright scholarship at Central University of Venezuela in Caracas, followed by travels throughout South America and around the world; and



WHEREAS, Paula was Chair of the statewide Georgia Human Relations Commission, and the first woman President of the Rotary Club of Atlanta; she also served as President of the Justice Center of Atlanta, and was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, the Society of International Business Fellows, the YWCA Academy of Women Achievers, the State Bar of Georgia, Leadership Atlanta Alumni, and a book club launched in the '70s, which continues today; and



WHEREAS, Paula was an enthusiastic alumna of Lauralton Hall in Connecticut, St. Mary's, and Yale, and her volunteer service spanned across many organizations; she received numerous awards over the years, including an honorary Doctorate from LaGrange College, and the Atlanta Rotary Club's Pioneer Award, which was named for Paula and presented by her at a Rotary meeting this past June; and



WHEREAS, Paula married the late E. Milton Bevington in 1965, and they shared seven sons and one daughter: Milton, Jr., Rickey, Peter, George, Christian, Charles, Justin, and Mary; she was also grandmother to twelve grandchildren, and great-grandmother to three great-grandchildren;



NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Paula Lawton Bevington for a life of integrity and dedication to her family and community, and does hereby proclaim Friday, August 16, 2024 as **"PAULA LAWTON BEVINGTON 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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