

Proclamation



WHEREAS,

The Black Cowboy Heritage Festival aligns with Black History Month and celebrates the contributions of Black Cowboys to American history; and



WHEREAS,

the festival offers a wide array of activities, including horse care demonstrations, riding lessons, rodeo-style showcases, crafts and educational stations, and opportunities for networking with the local equestrian community and learn about the legacy of Black cowboys; and



WHEREAS,

Black Cowboys were foundational to the 19th century American cattle industry; formerly enslaved people and their descendants used skills to herd and break horses, manage ranches, and introduced Old West equestrian traditions that continue today; and



WHEREAS,

Black Cowboys were respected for their expertise in handling cattle, which was essential for growth of the Western cattle industry; and



WHEREAS,

the Atlanta Saddle Club Association, which connects horse enthusiasts across metropolitan Atlanta and beyond for rides, fellowship, and growth as equestrians, organizes the event in partnership with JD's Horse Ranch, a popular destination for horseback riding lessons, trail rides, and community gatherings;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognize the Black Cowboy Heritage Festival for celebrating the heritage and legacy of Black Cowboys, and does hereby proclaim Saturday, February 28, 2026, as "**BLACK COWBOY HERITAGE FESTIVAL APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Commissioner

Clerk to the Commission

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