

Proclamation

WHEREAS In 1987, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the month of March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month to increase public awareness of the needs and exceptional potential of Americans with intellectual developmental disabilities; and



WHEREAS Intellectual Developmental Disabilities are a group of conditions due to an impairment in physical, learning, language, or behavior areas that begin during the developmental period and may impact day-to-day functioning that usually last throughout a person's lifetime; and



WHEREAS, the goal in 2024 for Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month is to identify & create new opportunities that will better enable individuals with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities (IDD), and their families, to live, learn, work, experience, play, and thrive in their communities; and



WHEREAS, orange is the official color of DD Awareness Month because it symbolizes energy and positivity. One of the easiest ways to participate is to invite your team to wear orange; and



WHEREAS, Fulton County's Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities has served IDD individuals through its day services programs for the past 48 years; the program is committed to bringing awareness and acceptance for people of every ability, and providing opportunities to become more independent, economically self-sufficient, and contributing members of their communities;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County recognizes the intellectual developmentally disabled as valuable members of the Fulton County community, encourages their inclusion in every facet of life in metro Atlanta, and does hereby proclaim March 2024 as "**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH**" in Fulton County, Georgia.



Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Sponsoring Commissioner

Chairman

Vice Chair

Commissioner

Attest:

Commissioner

Clerk to the Commission

Commissioner

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WHEREAS,

Women's History Month highlights the contributions of women in history and contemporary society and is celebrated during the month of March in the United States, Great Britain, and Australia with corresponds with International Women's Day on March 8th; and



WHEREAS,

Soumaya Khalifa is the Founder and Executive Director of the Islamic Speakers Bureau of Atlanta, one of the most distinguished community building organizations in the metro area that connects American Muslim communities with a wide range of civic and faith-based groups, bringing Muslim voices to places where they have not been before; and



WHEREAS,

Soumaya Khalifa is also the President & CEO of Khalifa Consulting where she provides corporate, non-profit, and governmental institutions with wide ranging expertise and practical solutions to cross-cultural operations; she is also a highly regarded coach, trainer, and consultant specializing in intercultural communications, diversity, equity and inclusion, and leadership development; and



WHEREAS,

Soumaya sits on the boards of several organizations including the Community Foundation of Greater Atlanta, the Georgia Interfaith Public Policy Center, the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival, the Community Foundation of Greater Atlanta, and the Carter Center's Board of Councilors; and



WHEREAS,

Soumaya has been an adjunct faculty member at Emory University's Center for Continuing Education since 2009, and she has published numerous articles, reviews, blog posts, podcasts and online videos on managing cultural differences;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, in commemoration of Women's History Month, recognizes Soumaya Khalifa for her dedication to providing opportunities to learn about Islam and the Muslim community, and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, March 6, 2024 as "**SOUMAYA KHALIFA APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.



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F U L T O N C O U N T Y



Fulton County Youth Commission
2023-2024 Term Induction Ceremony

Program

Wednesday, March 6, 2024
10 a.m.

*Fulton County Government Center
Assembly Hall*

Oath of Office

Recited by
Chairman Robb Pitts

Certificates of Service

Presented by the Fulton County
Board of Commissioners

Names recited by

Reginald Crossley
Department of Community Development

Closing Remarks

Fulton County
Board of Commissioners

**Fulton County Youth Commission
District Roster
2023-2024**

District 1

1. Maya Karoline Cunningham
2. David Alexander
3. Rachel Alexander
4. ~~Prisha Kallur~~
5. Prisha-Khyati Shah
6. Ruhi Doddamani

At-Large

1. Adriana Claudio, Chair

District 2

1. Namiah Loussaint
2. Melanie Harper
3. Yash Varakala
4. Nathaniel D'Silva
5. Sara Lopez

District 3

1. Maris Fantgrossi
2. Darren Kellis
3. Corinne Evans
4. Mya Hullum

District 4

1. Sierra Pape, Vice Chair
2. London Crystal White
3. Alonnah Copeland
4. Rashaun Regis
5. Nasiir Simmons

District 5

1. Maia Henderson
2. Laylah Jones
3. Jada Hall
4. Prevailer Idowu
5. MiCai Haywood

District 6

1. Isaac Amin Nurridin
2. Fatimah Muhammad
3. Layla Patel
4. Mya Nelson



Please Join Us

Fulton County Youth Commission
2023-2024 Term
Induction Ceremony

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

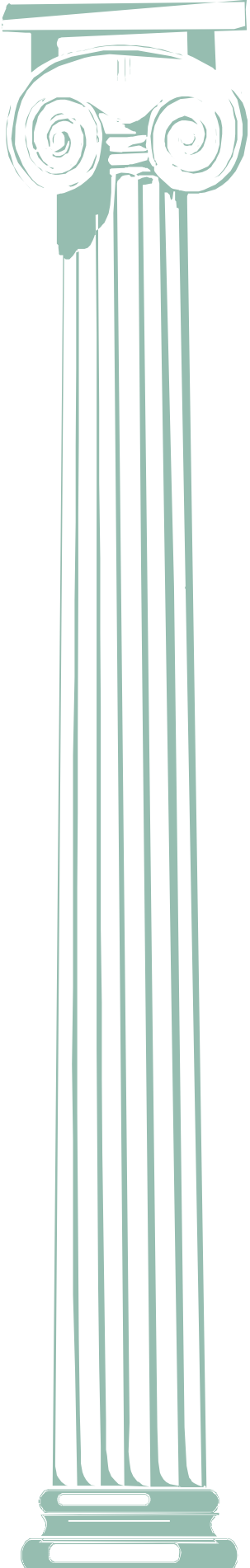
Board of Commissioners & Youth Commission
Breakfast Social - Assembly Hall Lobby 8:30 a.m.

Induction Ceremony 10 a.m.

Fulton County Government Center Assembly Hall
141 Pryor Street, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

FULTON COUNTY
YOUTH
COMMISSION





Fulton County

Youth Commission

Oath of Office

I (state your name) do affirm that I will well and truly discharge the duties of Youth Commissioner for Fulton County in all matters which require me, to the best of my knowledge and skill, to:

- Advise the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, about how Fulton County can best address youth concerns and issues,
- Design techniques to prevent at-risk situations of teenagers in Fulton County,
- Influence policies that impact children and youth.

I do further solemnly affirm that I will endeavor to discharge my duties in the following manner:

- Participate in monthly meetings and community projects,
- Maintain contact with Commissioners on youth issues,
- Attend Board of Commissioners meetings,
- Plan community service projects that will benefit youth and reflect favorably on Fulton County government and citizens, and
- Share pertinent information with my peers on youth related issues

I pledge that I will fulfill these duties and I will act in my judgment which will be the most conducive to the welfare and best interests of the youth of the entire county.

These affirmations I hereby make on this 6th day in March of 2024.