

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Dr. Louis Brown, an internal medicine physician in Atlanta, brought forth the idea for a new medical school to the presidents of the Atlanta University Center institutions in 1969; and

WHEREAS, the Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation supported the feasibility study to investigate the idea for a new medical school and then Morehouse College President Dr. Hugh M. Gloster expressed interest in starting a medical school at the college; and



WHEREAS, in 1975, Morehouse College recruited Dr. Louis W. Sullivan, a Morehouse graduate, to serve as the first president and academic dean of the Medical Education Program at Morehouse College with a vision to diversify the healthcare workforce and provide primary health care in underserved rural and urban communities; and



WHEREAS, Morehouse School of Medicine began at a single trailer on the Morehouse Campus in the summer of 1978 with an inaugural class of 24 students in its two-year medical sciences program with the ability to transfer to four-year institutions to complete their education; and



WHEREAS, the medical school was incorporated in Georgia in 1980, officially became an independent institution in 1981 and established a four-year medical school in 1985 as the Morehouse School of Medicine; and



WHEREAS, 3,283 students, including 1,867 physicians, have graduated from Morehouse School of Medicine and approximately 60% of the MD graduates who have completed residency are practicing not only in Fulton County, but throughout Georgia; and



WHEREAS, Morehouse School of Medicine has dramatically expanded its physical footprint, academic programs including research initiatives and physician class size under the leadership of its first and only woman President and CEO Dr. Valerie Montgomery Rice; and



WHEREAS, it is abundantly proper and fitting that the accomplishments of this distinguished Fulton County-based institution be appropriately recognized on the occasion of its 50th anniversary;




NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners commends Morehouse School of Medicine on its 50th anniversary for its continuing commitment to diversify the health professional and scientific workforce, increasing the health and well-being of all individuals and communities with an emphasis on underserved populations, and for 50 years of shaping the future of health equity, does hereby proclaim the month of April 2025, as **"MOREHOUSE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE MONTH"** in Fulton County, Georgia.

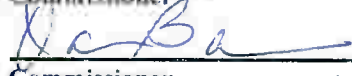
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