

Proclamation

WHEREAS,



Rev. Yvonne Shaw was a native of Atlanta, Georgia, born to Jessie Lee and Adolphus Shaw and raised in the historic 4th Ward Grady Homes community; and

WHEREAS,



Rev. Shaw was a graduate of David T. Howard High School, and furthered her education at Morris Brown College where she was Head Majorette; she earned her Bachelor's degree from Fort Valley State University, and her Master's degree in Education from Howard University; and

WHEREAS,



Rev. Shaw spent most of her professional life as a passionate educator in both the Atlanta Public School System and the Washington, D.C. School System; and

WHEREAS,



Rev. Shaw was an ordained servant of the Lord for more than 23 years—ministering in both the Atlanta and Washington metropolitan areas; she mentored countless youth, and taught etiquette, discipline, and self-respect through her “Kings and Queens” classes, and she implemented Teen Parent Programs and founded the Howard University Summer Youth Camps; and

WHEREAS,



Rev. Shaw was the visionary behind the Historic Southwest Atlanta Cascade Christmas Kwanza Parade, and recognition by President Barack Obama, multiple Phoenix Awards from Atlanta mayors, the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. “Drum Major for Justice” Award, the Dorothy Height Black Family Reunion Award, and the Key to the City of Atlanta; and

WHEREAS,



Rev. Shaw leaves to cherish her radiant memory two loving daughters, Vashti Lawson of Atlanta, GA, and Vonnetta (Dr. Philip) Gidley of Ridgeland, MS; three adoring grandsons, Cedrick (Sayvi) Lemons, Jr., Phinehas C. Gidley, and Samuel L. Gidley, and God-brother Big Daddy (Marcus S.); and a host of relatives, spiritual children, mentees, and lifelong friends;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Rev. Yvonne Shaw for a life of integrity and dedication to her family and community, and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, October 29, 2025, as **“REV. YVONNE SHAW REMEMBRANCE DAY”** in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Commissioner

Clerk to the Commission

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