

Proclamation



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WHEREAS,

Dr. Joseph Henry Beasley was born to sharecroppers on a rural plantation in Inman, Georgia on December 27, 1936 and received his primary education in a segregated one room school house; and



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WHEREAS,

Dr. Beasley's family relocated to Cincinnati, Ohio where he excelled in the local public schools; he later earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Park College and attended graduate school at Clark Atlanta University; and



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WHEREAS,

Dr. Beasley was the Southern Regional Director of the National Rainbow/PUSH Coalition founded by the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr., and President of African Ascension, an organization he formed to develop economic and political ties throughout Africa and the African Diaspora; and



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WHEREAS,

Dr. Beasley served as a board member of the Center for Constitutional Rights in New York City, Afronet in Lusaka, Zambia, Afrobras in Sao Paulo, Brazil, Christ Institute in Atlanta, and is Chairman of both the Benedita de Silva International Foundation and the Asian American Center, both in Atlanta, Georgia, and serves on the Board of African Leadership Magazine; and



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WHEREAS,

Dr. Beasley has received many awards and recognitions for his humanitarian work, including an honorary Doctorate degree, and features in the New York Times, Boston Globe, Los Angeles Times, and numerous other publications and major television networks; the library at Zumbi dos Palmares College in Sao Paulo, Brazil is named in his honor;



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Dr. Joseph Henry Beasley for his tireless work as a human rights activist, and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, July 12, 2023 as "**DR. JOSEPH HENRY BEASLEY APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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