

Proclamation



WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Raphael G. Warnock, the son of two Pentecostal pastors, serves as the Senior Pastor of the Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, founded in 1886; in 2005 at age 35, Rev. Dr. Warnock became the fifth and the youngest person ever called to the senior pastorate of Ebenezer Baptist Church; and



WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Warnock is a graduate of Morehouse College where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree, and he holds a Master of Divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York City, from which he graduated with honors and distinctions; he continued his graduate studies at Union, receiving a Master of Philosophy degree and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in the field of systematic theology; and



WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Warnock is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the 100 Black Men of Atlanta, Inc., and a Lifetime Member of the NAACP; he has been recognized as one of "Atlanta's 55 Most Powerful" by Atlanta magazine, one of "God's Trombones" by the Rainbow Push Coalition, and he has been honored by induction into Morehouse College's Martin Luther King, Jr. Board of Preachers, and a recipient of Morehouse College's prestigious Bennie Trailblazer Award and Union Theological Seminary's distinguished Union Medal; and



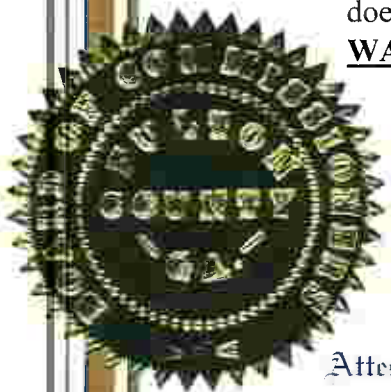
WHEREAS, on January 6, 2021, Rev. Dr. Warnock made history by becoming the first African American elected to the United States Senate from the state of Georgia, and only the second African American to represent a southern state in the Senate since Reconstruction; and



WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Warnock's proudest achievement is his role of father to his daughter, Chloé, and his son, Caleb;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Rev. Dr. Raphael G. Warnock for his tireless dedication to his congregation, his constituents, and his family, and celebrates his 20th Pastoral anniversary as Pastor of the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, and does hereby proclaim Saturday, October 4, 2025, as "**REV. DR. RAPHAEL G. WARNOCK APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.



Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James R. Smith", written over a horizontal line.

Clerk to the Commission

Commissioner

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