

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Heart disease is a leading cause of death in Fulton County, Georgia and sudden cardiac arrest is often the first manifestation of known and undetected heart disease; and

WHEREAS, “sudden cardiac arrest” is defined as a person unresponsive, not breathing or not breathing normally and collapsing suddenly without warning or in less than one hour from onset of a warning symptom or distress; and

WHEREAS, anyone can experience sudden cardiac arrest, including infants, high school athletes, and people in their 30s and 40s in Fulton County who have no sign of heart disease; and

WHEREAS, sudden cardiac arrest impacts all socio-economic levels and communities in Fulton County regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, age, income, educational achievement and place of residence; and

WHEREAS, approximately 80 lives were saved in 2022 in Fulton County because a sudden cardiac arrest was recognized, and CPR and early defibrillation with an AED more than double the chances that a victim will survive if administered in time; and

WHEREAS, should a citizen need to provide CPR, it will most likely be on a person who lives in, near, or is visiting their home as 70 percent of sudden cardiac arrests in Fulton County occur in a residence; and

WHEREAS, with more incidents of sudden cardiac arrest occurring in Fulton County in December and January than any other time of the year, it is imperative that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners supports efforts to raise awareness about the risks of sudden cardiac arrest and to educate citizens on how to identify warning signs and seek medical attention in a timely manner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Commission calls on the citizens, community stakeholders and departments of Fulton County Government to observe the month of December 2023 as “**SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST SURVIVAL AWARENESS MONTH**” in Fulton, County Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners



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Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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