

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Sheriff Melody M. Maddox joined the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office as Chief of Administration in early 2019, and by July of that same year, was promoted to Chief Deputy, and on December 1, 2019, she became DeKalb County's 50th Sheriff; and



WHEREAS, Sheriff Maddox's career in law enforcements spans over 20 years with various agencies in the metropolitan Atlanta area, including her tenure as Chief of Police at Georgia Piedmont Technical College where she created the schools first Public Safety Office in 2008; and



WHEREAS, Sheriff Maddox is Peace Officer Standard Training certified and is certified as a defensive tactics instructor; she is CEO of Woman 2 Woman Personal Awareness and Safety Training and has established a reputation as an expert in women's self-defense training and personal safety; and



WHEREAS, Sheriff Maddox's professional affiliations include the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, International Association of Chiefs of Police, Women in Public Safety, DeKalb County Chief's Association, National Sheriffs' Association, the National Organization for Black Law Enforcement Executives, the DeKalb County NAACP, National Council of Negro Women, Women for Morris Brown College, St. Philip A.M.E. Church, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; and



WHEREAS, Sheriff Maddox is a native Atlantan and graduate of J.E. Brown High School; she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Morris Brown College, an MSA degree in General Administration from Central Michigan University, and a her master's degree in African-American Ministries from the Newburgh Theological Seminary/Newburgh College of the Bible; and



WHEREAS, Sheriff Maddox's greatest accomplishment is her family; she is the proud mother of one daughter, Indira, grandmother of three, and god-grandmother of one; and



WHEREAS, on this day, Sheriff Melody M. Maddox is an official Honorary Member of the Women of Distinction, Incorporated, whose mission is to strive to empower women and their families to achieve their full potential;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Sheriff Melody M. Maddox for her commitment to the safety of all citizens of metro Atlanta, and for being named Public Service Honoree of the Year by Women of Distinction, Inc., and does hereby proclaim Saturday, June 24, 2023 as "**SHERIFF MELODY M. MADDOX APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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