

Proclamation



WHEREAS,

Dr. Booker T. Poe was born July 9, 1936 in Eustis, Florida to Rev. William Poe and Mrs. Janie Jackson Poe; he graduated Valedictorian in from Eustis Vocational High School in 1953, and furthered his education at Tennessee State University where he studied Pre-Med and graduated with honors in 1957; and



WHEREAS,

Dr. Poe received his medical training at Meharry Medical College, earning his medical degree in 1963, followed by five years of active service in the U.S. Air Force as a general medical officer and captain; and



WHEREAS,

Dr. Poe relocated to Atlanta, Georgia in 1969 with is wife, Gloria, and their children, Janita and Brian, and began his private practice as a pediatrician; over the next five decades, he helped countless children get the medical care they needed; and



WHEREAS,

Dr. Poe served as a preceptor at Morehouse School of Medicine and Assistant Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at Georgia State University; he also helped train over 100 international medical students who did pediatric rotations in his office; and



WHEREAS,

Dr. Poe led the effort get the early pediatric screening diagnosis and treatment program in Georgia, and played a pivotal role in passing the pediatric seatbelt law in Georgia, and helped spearhead the fight against mandatory statewide HMO for Medicaid patients; and



WHEREAS,

Dr. Poe was honored with the Physician of the Year Award from the Atlanta Medical Association in 1980, and the Doctor of the Year Award by the Georgia General Assembly in 1981 for his humanitarian service;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Dr. Booker T. Poe for a life of integrity and advocacy for the healthcare of underserved communities, and does hereby proclaim Saturday, September 13, 2025, as “**DR. BOOKER T. POE REMEMBRANCE DAY**” in Fulton County, Georgia.

Attest:

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner

Clerk to the Commission

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