

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS,**



Mrs. Velma Mae Turner Rainey was born on May 15, 1919 and was raised in Carrollton, Georgia by her brother, Levi Wilson, and his wife; she acquired a job at the age of 7 years old working for the Lee family on a farm in the Red Oak community off of Roosevelt Highway, which became her new home; and

**WHEREAS,**



Velma was married to the late Mr. Lovett Rainey, Sr. with whom she partnered in the *Lovett Rainey, Sr. Landscaping Business*; their marriage was blessed with 7 girls and 6 boys; and

**WHEREAS,**



Velma and her husband served as active community leaders, church members, and supporters of education, with each of their 13 children completing high school, trade schools, and some completing college; Velma was also a very active PTA parent and library supporter and volunteer; and

**WHEREAS,**



Velma began her career in housekeeping around the age of seven, and was required to work in exchange for housing, food, and clothing; she later farmed alongside her husband, worked as a telephone receptionist for their landscaping business, and handled paperwork, collected rent, and managed operations for her husband's rental properties; and

**WHEREAS,**



her favorite weekly activity is the Newspaper Word puzzle contest, where she has been sending in her answers for more than 45 years; in January of 2025, Velma was registered as a Centenarian with the Georgia Department of Aging;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County acknowledges and celebrates Mrs. Rainey's 106<sup>th</sup> birthday and does hereby proclaim Sunday, May 18, 2025 as "**VELMA MAE TURNER RAINY APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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Commissioner

Clerk to the Commission

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