

Proclamation



WHEREAS,

Dr. David Manuel is a celebrated Who's Who in the state of Georgia, and a graduate of the Atlanta College of Arts with a BFA in Advertising and Design; he was awarded an honorary doctorate from Michaels Christian University for the masterful use of his talents, network, and expertise to bridge different cultures using art as a vehicle; and



WHEREAS,

Dr. Manuel is a champion of the arts, compassionate community activist, and self-published author of *I Am a Father* and *I Am a Mother* books; he is the former Director of Community Relations at the Woodruff Arts Center and Deputy Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs for DeKalb County, and currently serves as the Director of Fulton County Arts & Culture Department; and



WHEREAS,

Dr. Manuel brings a diverse range of programming and creative ideas to the region, and his vision for the county will lead the nation as a place for creatives to continue to explore endless possibilities; he oversees an Art Center, Public Art Division, Community Partnerships Division, Fulton Government TV, and the Contract for Services Division which awarded \$4 million in arts funding in 2026; and



WHEREAS,

Dr. Manuel is the founder of the *I Am a Father* Initiative, promoting strengthening families and organ donor awareness; in 2015, he created the *I Am a Father* 5kKRun/Walk, continuing his goal of strengthening families one mile at a time; and



WHEREAS,

being a liver transplant recipient, Dr. Manuel is a certified mentor for the Georgia Transplant Foundation and believes the way to show gratitude for having a second chance is by educating and registering others to become organ donors; he resides in the DeKalb area with his wife Karren, and is the proud father of three: Branden, Blake, and Kaitlyn;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognize Dr. David Manuel for his many contributions to arts and culture, and his community, and does hereby proclaim Saturday, April 11, 2026, as "**DR. DAVID MANUEL APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Commissioner

Clerk to the Commission

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