

Proclamation

WHEREAS,



Albert "Smitty" Smith was born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia at the historic original Grady Hospital, and received his early education at Walker Street Elementary School and Booker T. Washington High School; he furthered his education at Albany State University on a band scholarship; and

WHEREAS,



Smitty began his professional journey as a Room Service Captain at the Atlanta Marriott Motor Hotel, and he assisted in opening the first ever Courtyard by Marriott in Atlanta in 1983, then later served as the Concierge Captain at the iconic Atlanta Marriott Marquis on 42nd level when it first opened in 1985; today, he proudly serves as an Ambassador for the Atlanta Marriott Marquis; and

WHEREAS,



Smitty's contributions include service with the White House Hotel, Butler Street YMCA, Herman Stadium, Chastain Park, Wiley Watkins Funeral Home, and major sports and entertainment venues including Fulton County Stadium, the Georgia Dome, and Mercedes Benz Stadium; and

WHEREAS,



Smitty was requested by Mayor Andrew Young to serve as a pallbearer for Alice Hawthorne, who tragically lost her life in the 1996 Centennial Olympic Park bombing, and he was the final individual to place the Olympic flame to rest in the Imperial Ballroom of the Atlanta Marriott Marquis; and

WHEREAS,



Smitty was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in 1966, and over the years has received more than 45 awards and honors, including recognition from the City of Atlanta, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Marriott International, the JW Award of Excellence, hospitality industry accolades, a sports award presented by Sam Huff; and he was the first inductee of the Atlanta Hospitality Hall of Fame; a meeting space in the Atlanta Marriott Marquis will be named in honor in recognition of his impact on the citizens of Atlanta;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognize Albert "Smitty" Smith his outstanding contributions and his commitment to his community, and does hereby proclaim Thursday, January 29, 2026 as "**ALBERT SMITTY SMITH APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Commissioner

Clerk to the Commission

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