

# 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 10 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, 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 40 years, and gardening and canning fruit to share with family and friends;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County acknowledges and celebrates Mrs. Rainey's 104<sup>th</sup> birthday and does hereby proclaim Sunday, May 14, 2023 as "**VELMA MAE TURNER RAINNEY APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

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Chair to the Commission

Attest:

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Clerk to the Commission

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