

Proclamation



WHEREAS,

Laverne Carmentoria Bogans was born on June 14, 1943 in Augusta, Georgia, and raised in Brooklyn, New York; she discovered a love for fashion design while in high school, and soon began designing and sewing her own clothes from her own patterns; and



WHEREAS,

Laverne graduated from the School of Fashion Industries and began her first entrepreneurial venture, Bogans & Holbert Custom Design Boutique; her fashions were featured on television, in major editorials, and in high-end fashion shows across the globe, many of which she personally hosted and commentated; and



WHEREAS,

Laverne was the manager of J.P. Allen, a high-end retailer in Greenbriar Mall, and she worked with the Atlanta Apparel Mart to coordinate and host fashion shows; and



WHEREAS,

in the early 1980's, Laverne opened The Laverne Bogans School of Self-Development, an etiquette and self-improvement program for girls ages 7 to 13; she inspired young girls to carry themselves with confidence, class, and faith through lessons, outings, and mentorship; and



WHEREAS,

Laverne later joined the Atlanta Housing Authority where she served as Regional Property Manager; she retired in the early 2000's and remained active in her community, serving as President of the Wildwood Lake Community Board, and she was a devoted member of International Ministries 2000 where she served as church treasurer; and



WHEREAS,

Laverne became a children's author when she was 75 years old; her beloved "Lizzie" series captured stories from her own childhood in New York City and the country outside of Augusta; she leaves to cherish her memory one son, Marquez, one daughter, Eboni, two grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, one sister, Mary Ann, and a host of extended family and friends;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Laverne Carmentoria Bogans for a life of integrity and dedication to her family, her friends, and her craft, and does hereby proclaim Sunday, October 19, 2025, as "**LAVERNE CARMENTORIA BOGANS REMEMBRANCE DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Commissioner

Clerk to the Commission

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