

Proclamation

WHEREAS,

The Rosewood Massacre took place in January of 1923 when a racially motivated attack decimated the predominantly African-American town of Rosewood in Levy County, Florida and devastated its residents; survivors hid in nearby swamps until they were evacuated to larger towns; and



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The Descendants of Rosewood, Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that supports other families seeking to reclaim their families' legacies, advocate for real conversations of race relations, socio-economic advancement, and true diversity, equality, and inclusion, and champion the ownership of our narratives and leverage resources to open and expand distribution for those stories, for us and by us; and



WHEREAS,

there are eight families whose direct descendants remain to tell the stories of resilience and fortitude that defined the town of Rosewood: the Bradleys, the Carriers, the Colemans, the Edwards, the Evans, the Goins, the Halls, and the Robinsons families; survivors and descendants of Rosewood became the first African Americans to receive reparations from a legislative body in America; and



WHEREAS,

The Rosewood Family, Inc. historian, the late Barbara Scantling Moore, asked the family members to pass on the knowledge of the Rosewood legacy to the public, which resulted in the creation of the Descendants of Rosewood Foundation, Inc.;



NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes the Descendants of Rosewood Foundation, Inc. for honoring the memory of the victims of the Rosewood massacre one century ago, and does hereby proclaim Saturday, January 14, 2023 as "**ROSEWOOD CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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