

Proclamation



WHEREAS,

William Gilbert was a native of Eatonton, Georgia and served as Putnam County's Head Start director for 48 years; and



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the Head Start program began in 1965 to give low-income students a chance to attend preschool; since there were no buses, William bought two station wagons with his own money to transport 25 students; and



WHEREAS,

William believed that the preschool program was a good way for children to have an outlet to learn instead of wandering the streets or getting into trouble; and



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William's preschool Head Start program was so successful that it was used as a national model for other programs; his program graduated nearly 100 young students when he retired; and

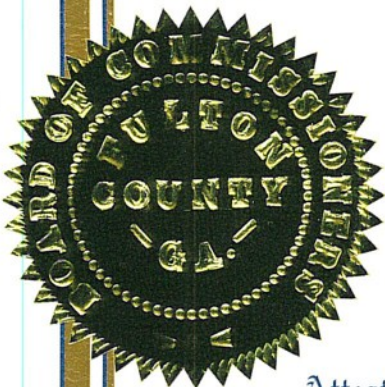


WHEREAS,

many of William's former students have grown into doctors, lawyers, teachers, and many other professionals who are giving back to their community;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognize William Gilbert for a life of integrity and dedication to his community, and does hereby proclaim Saturday, April 25, 2026, as "**WILLIAM GILBERT REMEMBRANCE DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.



Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Commissioner

Clerk to the Commission

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