

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Joseph Henry Beasley was born in Inman, Georgia, on December 27, 1936 and received his primary education in Cincinnati, Ohio; he furthered his education at Park College where he received his B.S. degree in criminal justice, followed by graduate school at Clark Atlanta University; and



WHEREAS, Joe retired from the U.S. Air Force after 21 years as a police superintendent, and later joined Operation PUSH in 1976 as a member of the Board of Directors of its Kansas City affiliate, and assumed the position of Executive Director in 1978; he relocated to Atlanta in 1981 where he was named Chapter Coordinator, and in 1995 was named Southern Regional Director; and



WHEREAS, Joe worked with the African National Congress to register voters for the 1994 election that swept Nelson Mandela into power, and he served as the Georgia Deputy Director for Jesse Jackson's 1984 and 1988 presidential campaigns; he was also engaged in the challenge of redistricting Georgia's congressional boundaries to increase African American representation in the U. S. Congress; and



WHEREAS, Joe served as the president of African Ascension, an organization he formed to develop economic and political ties throughout Africa and the African Diaspora, and served as a board member of the Center for Constitutional Rights in New York City; Afronet in Lusaka, Zambia; Afrobras in Sao Paulo, Brazil; Christ Institute in Atlanta; and Chairman of both the Benedita de Silva International Foundation, and the Asian American Center; the library at Zumbi dos Palmares College in Sao Paulo is named in his honor; and



WHEREAS, Joe received dozens of awards and was featured in the New York Times, Boston Globe, Los Angeles Times, and numerous other newspapers, magazines, and television networks; he leaves to cherish his memory three children, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Joe Beasley for a life of integrity and dedication to his family, community, and his commitment to justice for all mankind, and does hereby proclaim Friday, December 19, 2025, as "**JOSEPH H. BEASLEY REMEMBRANCE DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Commissioner

Clerk to the Commission

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