

Proclamation

WHEREAS,

Shirley Franklin is the 58th Mayor of the City of Atlanta, Georgia and the first woman to hold the post and the first Black woman elected Mayor of a major Southern city; and

WHEREAS,

Mayor Franklin is originally from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania is a graduate of Philadelphia High School for Girls, and earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Howard University and her Master of Arts degree in Sociology from the University of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS,

prior to her role as Mayor, Shirley Franklin served as the Commissioner of Cultural Affairs under Mayor Maynard Jackson, and she was named Chief Administrative Officer and City Manager under Mayor Andrew Young; and

WHEREAS,

during her two terms as Mayor, Shirley Franklin led the effort to have the papers of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. given to his alma mater, Morehouse College, instead of being sold at auction; she is also the recipient of the Profile in Courage Award, issued by the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation, and she received a Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Oglethorpe University; and

WHEREAS,

Mayor Franklin is the Chairman of the Board and CEO of Purpose Built Communities, and the Barbara Jordan visiting professor in Ethics and Political Values in the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin; and

WHEREAS,

in 2025, Mayor Franklin was honored with a street renaming on a portion of Central Avenue, now named Shirley C. Franklin Boulevard, SW, and Westside Reservoir Park was renamed Shirley Clarke Franklin Park;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Mayor Shirley Franklin for her trailblazing role as the Mayor of the City of Atlanta, celebrates her milestone 80th birthday, and does hereby proclaim Saturday, May 10, 2025, as **"MAYOR SHIRLEY C. FRANKLIN APPRECIATION DAY"** in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners






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