

# Proclamation



**WHEREAS,** Bishop Yvette Adrienne Flunder, a child of the Black Pentecostal tradition and rooted in the Church of God in Christ, answered the call to ministry early in life, giving not only her voice but her full self to the service of God's people, especially the marginalized, the overlooked, and the cast aside, and



**WHEREAS,** Bishop Flunder has long served as a bridge builder across generations, identities, and traditions, embodying a theology that is unapologetically Black, queer, womanist, Pentecostal, and liberationist and has modeled what it means to stand firmly at the intersection of faith and freedom; and



**WHEREAS,** Bishop Flunder was a founding member of the legendary Walter Hawkins and the Love Center Choir, where she recorded enduring classics such as Thank You, Lord and Special Gift, and ministered through music that crossed denominational and cultural boundaries to touch the hearts of millions, and for 41 years, Bishop Flunder also ministered alongside the incomparable Mother Shirley Miller, the anointed soloist of the groundbreaking hit Oh Happy Day; and



**WHEREAS,** in 1991, Bishop Flunder founded City of Refuge United Church of Christ in Oakland, California, and in 2000, she established and now serves as Presiding Bishop of The Fellowship of Affirming Ministries (TFAM), a trans-denominational coalition of over 100 churches and faith leaders across the globe, dedicated to affirming the dignity of all people and proclaiming a gospel of liberation for the 21st century; and



**WHEREAS,** Bishop Flunder is also a nationally respected advisor and elder in movements for LGBTQ+ rights, racial equity, public health, and interfaith collaboration, and served with distinction on President Barack Obama's Advisory Council on Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships;



**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Bishop Yvette A. Flunder as a pioneer and matriarch of the Black faith tradition, and stands in celebration of her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday, and does hereby proclaim Saturday, July 5, 2025, as "**BISHOP YVETTE A. FLUNDER APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

*Fulton County Board of Commissioners*

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Commissioner

Attest:

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Clerk to the Commission

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