

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Born Thelma Wyatt on July 6, 1945 to James Odis Wyatt, Sr. and Annie Lavernia Wyatt in Amarillo, Texas, Judge Thelma Wyatt Moore's illustrious legal career began after she earned her Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree with Distinction from Emory University School of Law, where she was inducted into the Order of the Coif and honored with the Emory Medal; and



WHEREAS, Judge Thelma Wyatt Moore was appointed the first African American woman to serve full-time on the City Court of Atlanta, and later as the first African American woman to serve on any State Court bench in the State of Georgia; in addition to being the first woman to serve as Chief Judge of the Superior Court of Fulton County, or any Superior Court in the State of Georgia, where she created the Fulton County Family Court and the Family Law Information Center, which are recognized nationally as model programs; and



WHEREAS, Judge Thelma Wyatt Moore's exceptional service was honored with the Judicial Excellence Award, which was presented in the Great Hall of the U.S. Supreme Court, and the Lifetime Achievement Award for Diversity and Inclusion from the State Bar of Georgia; and



WHEREAS, Judge Thelma Wyatt Moore's leadership and influence extended beyond the bench as she led initiatives with the National Bar Association and chaired the Judges' Advisory Committee on Ethics of the American Bar Association and the Judicial Council of the National Bar Association in addition to serving in many other legal, civic, social, and advocacy organizations until her retirement in 2008, following more than three decades of exemplary judicial service; and



WHEREAS, Judge Thelma Wyatt Moore was first united in marriage to Arthur Bernard Cummings, Sr., with whom she raised two beloved children: Khari Sekou Cummings and Ayanna Rashida Cummings; and in 1993, she married the Late Honorable Luke Charles Moore with whom she was united in marriage until his death; and




WHEREAS, in addition to her beloved children, Judge Thelma Wyatt Moore leaves to cherish her memory her brother, Morris Lucious Wyatt, II, and her sister, Rose Marie Wyatt;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes The Honorable Thelma Wyatt Moore for a life marked by the relentless pursuit of justice and fairness along with passionate advocacy upon her retirement from judicial service, and does hereby proclaim Friday, November 8, 2024, as "**THE HONORABLE THELMA WYATT MOORE REMEMBRANCE DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.



Fulton County Board of Commissioners



Commissioner

Attest:

Commissioner



Clerk to the Commission