

Proclamation

WHEREAS,



Iris Dance Murray is an only child raised in a family where faith and education walked hand in hand, she learned early that excellence was not optional—it was expected; and

WHEREAS,



Iris's grandfather built a church with his hands and his conviction, while her father followed as a pastor and educator; prayer was a daily ritual in their home, books were sacred, and character mattered more than comfort; and

WHEREAS,



Iris worked as Deputy Director of Rehabilitation for Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority for 28 years, and very active in her community, serving on the League of Women Voter Campaign watch; Save Our Children Project, the United Negro College Fund, and the Sex Equity High Technology Mentorship Program at Virginia Union University; and

WHEREAS,



Iris also organized the Virginia Commonwealth and Richmond Chapters of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. and served as 4th Vice President, serving on the National Board for 12 years; she also worked with and supported youth in the arts, and was speaker for The World Missions Committee; and

WHEREAS,



Iris is the recipient of the Astoria Beneficial Society's Community Service Award, and she was chosen as a role model in business and service by Television Channel 6; and

WHEREAS,



Iris's proudest achievement is her family; she is the mother of 4 children, 6 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognize Iris Dance Murray for an extraordinary life filled with accomplishment and dedication to her family and community, and celebrate the occasion of her 101st birthday, and does hereby proclaim Sunday, January 25, 2026, as "IRIS DANCE MURRAY APPRECIATION DAY" in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner

Clerk to the Commission

Attest:

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