

Proclamation



WHEREAS,

Judy Davis was the first black female police officer to serve in the Fulton County Police Department, recruited by the late Fulton County Commissioner Henry "H.D." Dodson on April 30, 1976 and serving at the Southside Precinct; and



WHEREAS,

Officer Davis was raised in New York City and attended the University of Georgia majoring in Political Science, and later graduated from Georgia State University where she earned her bachelor's degree in Urban Planning in 1978; and



WHEREAS,

Officer Davis is a 1975 graduate of the University of Georgia's *Operation Catchup Program*, which was specifically designed to encourage more women and minorities to pursue law enforcement as a career choice; she began her law enforcement career as the first full-time Black Officer with the Roswell Police Department; and



WHEREAS,

Officer Davis became Judy Davis Walker in 1980, and as the first black female officer, she faced many challenges, yet she endured and continued to focus on her oath as a police officer, focusing on keeping people out of jail versus putting them in jail; and



WHEREAS,

Judy Davis Walker is the proud mother of two sons and grandmother of three; she is also a community activist and a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Judy Davis for her pioneering role in the Fulton County Police Department, and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, February 2, 2022 as "**JUDY DAVIS WALKER APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Commissioner

Clerk to the Commission

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