

# Proclamation



*WHEREAS,*

The Reverend Dr. Lawrence Edward Carter Sr. was born on September 23, 1941 in Dawson, Georgia and earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Science and Psychology from Virginia University of Lynchburg, and his Master of Divinity, Master of Sacred Theology, and Ph.D. degrees from Boston University; and



*WHEREAS,*

Dr. Carter has served as Associate Dean of Daniel L. Marsh Chapel at Boston University, and later taught at Harvard University Divinity School and served as Coordinator of African American Studies at Simmons College; and



*WHEREAS,*

Dr. Carter has led the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel as its Dean since it was erected in 1978, and is also the founder of the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel Assistants Program for pre-seminarians and director of the Martin Luther King Jr. College of Pastoral Leadership, and the WorldHouse Academy; and



*WHEREAS,*

in 1958, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. privately recruited Dr. Carter as a 10<sup>th</sup> grader to attend Morehouse College, and 21 years later, he became dean of the Chapel that honors Dr. King's legacy, and he recently celebrated his 43<sup>rd</sup> year as a Morehouse College professor; and



*WHEREAS,*

he has since commissioned the Gandhi, King, Ikeda Institute for Cosmopolitan Virtue-Ethics and Reconciliation in 1999, created the Gandhi, King, Ikeda Community Builder's Prize of the Morehouse Chapel in 2001, and founded Morehouse College's International Hall of Honor; and



*WHEREAS,*

Dr. Carter's proudest achievement is that of his family; he is the proud husband of Dr. Marva Griffin Carter, professor of Music History, Popular Music, and World Music at Georgia State University, and proud father of their son, Lawrence Carter Jr.;



***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,*** That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Dr. Lawrence Carter Sr. for his commitment to the preservation of the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and for his dedication to the education and spiritual wellness of countless young minds, and does hereby proclaim Thursday, October 13, 2022 as **"DR. LAWRENCE EDWARD CARTER SR. 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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