

Proclamation



WHEREAS,

The original Buffalo Soldiers was formed in 1866 as segregated U.S. Army units that played a significant role in the expansion of the American West; and



WHEREAS,

the Greater Atlanta Chapter of the Buffalo Soldiers is a non-profit organization based in Decatur, Georgia, dedicated to preserving the history of African American soldiers who served in the United States Army in the 1800s; and



WHEREAS,

the Buffalo Soldiers promote educational outreach, support community events, and participate in historical re-enactments to honor the legacy of the 9th and 10th Horse Cavalry; and



WHEREAS,

all of these units were composed of Black enlisted men commanded by both White and Black officers that included the first commander of the 10th Cavalry, Benjamin Grierson; the first commander of the 9th Cavalry, Edward Hatch; Medal of Honor recipient Louis H. Carpenter; Nicholas M. Nolan; and the first Black graduate of West Point, Henry O. Flipper; and



WHEREAS,

the Greater Atlanta Area Chapter stride to make their stories remain in the forefront with conducting research, displaying historical content, period uniforms, and equestrian military mounted exhibitions and drills;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognize the Buffalo Soldiers for their service and for preserving their legacy and cultural impact on the United States of America, and does hereby proclaim Saturday, March 21, 2026, as "**BUFFALO SOLDIERS APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Commissioner

Clerk to the Commission

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