

# Proclamation



**WHEREAS,** For over three decades, the Hammonds House Museum, nestled in Atlanta’s Historic West End, is a gathering space, that annually attracts thousands of visitors to explore the cultural diversity and legacy of artists of African descent; and



**WHEREAS,** The Hammonds House Museum boasts a permanent collection of more than 450 works of art dating from the mid-nineteenth century to contemporary artists of African descent; and



**WHEREAS,** The Hammonds House Museum is host to a variety of artistic events, including visual art exhibitions by significant artists, artist talks, panel discussions, workshops and art camps for young people, as well as literary events and music concerts; and



**WHEREAS,** Dr. Otis Thrash (O.T) Hammonds, MD, the museums namesake, was an African American visionary who actively promoted the relevance of art and cultural preservation; and



**WHEREAS,** upon the passing of Dr. Hammonds in 1985, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners under the inspired leadership of its then Chairperson Michael Lomax, established Hammonds House Museum in 1988 for the purpose of collecting, documenting, preserving, interpreting, exhibiting, and providing informational resources on works of art by peoples of African descent; and



**WHEREAS,** The Hammonds House Museum is celebrating their 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with museum patrons and supporters of art and culture from across the country to celebrate the accomplishments of the past and the promise of future endeavors in support of the arts, and specifically Black arts;



**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes the Hammonds House Museum’s 35th anniversary, and 35 years of hard work and commitment to the arts in the Atlanta community, and does hereby proclaim Friday, November 3, 2023, as **“HAMMONDS HOUSE MUSEUM APPRECIATION DAY”** in Fulton County, Georgia.

*Fulton County Board of Commissioners*

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