

Proclamation



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WHEREAS,

Marshall Rancifer was born on August 13, 1956 in Chicago, Illinois and relocated to Atlanta, Georgia with his family in 1957; he attended E.R. Carter Elementary School and began his service work as a student crossing guard in the 5th grade; and



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WHEREAS,

since 1998, Marshall helped to house 3,700 people who were living on the streets and helped to enroll 2,000 mostly homeless addicts in active addiction into detox and treatment who went on to live productive lives; and



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WHEREAS,

Marshall completed his state certification to provide HIV testing and linkage to care in 2009, and through is non-profit organization, Justice For All Coalition, he regularly worked with the LGBTQIA+ community and others, including homeless individuals, helping them find warming centers during the winter months and decreasing the number of hypothermic deaths by providing 5,000 hand warmers, 10,000 pairs of socks, and 2,000 emergency blankets annually; and



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WHEREAS,

in 2019, at the onset of the COVID-19 outbreak, Marshall designed and distributed 3,200 flyers to warn Atlanta's unsheltered population, in partnership with Mawuli Davis and the Davis Bozeman law firm, State Representatives Park Cannon and Able Mable Thomas, and the Atlanta Harm Reduction Coalition; the Urban League of Greater Atlanta collaborated with Marshall to provide rental assistance due to COVID-19 financial hardship; and



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WHEREAS,

legislatively, Marshall was a strong advocate for the homeless who helped to pass the Medical Amnesty Law for overdose witnesses, the Safe Harbor Bill for sex trafficking victims, and the Prep Pilot Program for those at risk of HIV; and



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Marshall Rancifer for a life of integrity and commitment to the well-being of all citizens, and does hereby proclaim Monday, September 19, 2022 as **"MARSHALL RANCIFER REMEMBRANCE DAY"** in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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