

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Sadie G. Mays was born in Gray, Georgia in 1900 and graduated from Paine College in Augusta and earned her Master's degree in Sociology from the University of Chicago and built a distinguished career as a social worker and professor before her marriage to Dr. Benjamin E. Mays; and



WHEREAS, during the 1940's, long term health care services were inadequate for African Americans who were ill and homeless, and prior to Medicaid and Medicare, those in need of long term care services were placed in the county-operated Alms House or privately owned boarding homes; and



WHEREAS, in 1946, a group of African American church women formed the Interdenominational Committee to House the Aged for the purpose of providing more effective care for the sick and homeless and Sadie G. Mays was elected President and the new nursing home was named Happy Haven, accepting its first residents on March 24, 1947; and



WHEREAS, Sadie G. Mays was admitted to Happy Haven Nursing Home during the summer of 1969 and died there on October 10, 1969, and in December of 1972, the board of directors elected to change the facility's name to the Sadie G. Mays Memorial Nursing Home in honor of its founder; and



WHEREAS, in January 1997, the name of the facility was changed to the Sadie G. Mays Health & Rehabilitation Center and is accredited by Medicare, Medicaid, the Veteran's Administration, the State of Georgia, and The Joint Commission, and with its current staff of approximately 165 employees, it has been named to the U.S. News & World Report's *Best Nursing Homes* list three times;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognize Sadie G. Mays for her dedication to the disadvantaged citizens in our community, and celebrates the 75th anniversary of the Center's opening, and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, March 16, 2022 as "**SADIE G. MAYS HEALTH AND REHABILITATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.



Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Sponsoring Commissioner

Chair to the Commission

Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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