

Proclamation



WHEREAS,

Braille is a unique tactile writing system that enables blind and low vision people to read independently, enhances literacy skills, and effectively demonstrates proper grammar, syntax, and spelling; and



WHEREAS,

Braille empowers blind and low vision people to maximally participate, contribute, and succeed in academic and professional settings; and



WHEREAS,

specialized Braille education programs are needed in schools to give blind and low-vision students the same opportunities to learn as their sighted peers; and



WHEREAS,

the Fulton County Commission on Disability Affairs has worked tirelessly to advocate for the statewide implementation of a braille education program for blind and low vision students; and



WHEREAS,

the Fulton County Commission on Disability Affairs continues to coordinate with the Georgia Resource & Advocacy Center for Empowerment and the National Federation of the Blind of Georgia in advocating that the state adopt the "Blind Persons' Braille Literacy Rights and Education Act";



NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County recognizes the Fulton County Commission on Disability Affairs for their commitment to the blind and low-vision residents of Fulton County, and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, December 20, 2023 as **"BRAILLE EDUCATION AWARENESS DAY"** in Fulton County, Georgia.



Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Sponsoring Commissioner

Chairman

Vice Chair

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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