

Proclamation



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WHEREAS,

John William Templeton, a historian, and Frederick A. Jordan, Sr., a civilian engineer, founded Black Business Month in 2004 to drive the policy affecting African-American businesses, an initiative to recognize Black-owned businesses and highlight their importance to the community and national economy; and



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WHEREAS,

according to the U.S. Census Bureau, Black business owners account for 10 percent of U.S. businesses and nearly 30 percent of all minority-owned businesses, which amounts to approximately two million companies owned by African-Americans; and



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WHEREAS,

nearly 40 percent of Black-owned businesses are in healthcare and social services, repair and maintenance, laundry services, advertising firms, auto dealerships, consulting services, restaurants, barber shops and beauty salons, and more; and



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WHEREAS,

in 1933, the Atlanta Business League was founded by Dr. Booker T. Washington as an affiliate of the National Business League and was formed to enhance and expand the business community at large, to encourage civic pride, and to reinvest community money within the community; and



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WHEREAS,

The Atlanta Business League seeks to provide economic empowerment and business development opportunities for minorities throughout the metropolitan Atlanta area with specific emphasis on the development of African-American businesses;



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Black-owned businesses across the country and in Fulton County, and joins in recognizing the importance of Black businesses in our local community, and does hereby proclaim the month of August 2022 as **"NATIONAL BLACK BUSINESS MONTH"** in Fulton County, Georgia.



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Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Sponsoring Commissioner

Chairman

Commissioner

Attest:

Commissioner

Clerk to the Commission

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