

Proclamation

WHEREAS,

Frederick Douglass High School opened in August 1968 with a student body comprised of students from three local schools: Harper, Turner, and West Fulton High Schools; and

WHEREAS,

the 1970 class of 365 students was the first graduating class of Frederick Douglass High School on May 18, 1970, and was the first high school in metro Atlanta to hold its graduation at the Atlanta Civic Center; and



WHEREAS,

the school shield was designed by a member of the class of 1970, and the school motto, "Right is of no sex and truth is of no color" (Frederick Douglass) was selected by the class; and



WHEREAS,

the Class of 1970 experienced the forced integration of teachers in 1970, and were among the first to register to vote at the age of 18 after the voting age was lowered by the Voting Rights Amendment; and



WHEREAS,

the school's first yearbook, *The Polaris*, was published by the Class of 1970 and was so named because it means the brightest among stars and this class intended to stand out as contributors to society; and



WHEREAS,

members of the Class of 1970 went on to become doctors, lawyers, teachers in public school systems and college institutions, postal workers, TV and radio personalities, owners of small businesses and franchises, county, city, state, and federal employees, and military service members; and



WHEREAS,

over the past 50 years, the Class of 1970 has provided scholarships to Douglass graduates, helped finance the purchase of uniforms for students in need, and provided holiday food baskets and gifts to Douglass students and their families;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes the Frederick Douglass High School Class of 1970 for their legacy of community service, and celebrates with them on the occasion of their 50th anniversary, and does hereby proclaim Saturday, August 20, 2022 as



"FREDERICK DOUGLASS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1970 APPRECIATION DAY" in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Sponsoring Commissioner

Chairman

Commissioner

Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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