

Proclamation



WHEREAS,

Gregory Bonner is a native of Omaha Nebraska and joined the military and became a LPN specializing in surgery; in 1990 he became a member of the Forward Assist Surgical Team of the Army, responsible for entering combat zones first to treat early casualties of conflicts; throughout his military career, Gregory attended school and graduated from Bellevue University in Bellevue, Nebraska; and



WHEREAS,

after his promotion to 1st Sergeant, he moved to logistics and was responsible for the transportation of military personnel in and out of combat areas; Gregory ended his military career after his 3rd combat tour and 23 years of honorable service at his last duty station at Fort McPherson Army Base; and



WHEREAS,

Gregory began working in the Metro Atlanta community doing sock drives and would gather socks via his fundraisers and distribute to Senior Living Facilities and to the homeless in downtown Atlanta; in 2016, he began working with Hope Fellowship Ministry and the Sister Love organization to provide book bags and school supplies to children; in 2019, the Jerusalem House organization was added to the book bag drive, and in 2021, Gregory created the Pearlie Mae Foundation which provides book bags, tablets, and school supplies to the children of Sister Lover and Jerusalem house clients; and



WHEREAS,

Gregory's annual White Party and Silent Auction began to raise enough donations that beginning in 2023, Pearlie Mae Foundation will offer scholarships to any student obtaining an undergraduate degree;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, in commemoration of Gay Black Pride Weekend, recognizes Gregory Bonner for his tireless work on behalf of seniors and children in the community, and does hereby proclaim Friday, September 2, 2022 as "**GREGORY BONNER APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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