

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Eric Paulk is a Morehouse graduate and earned his Juris Doctorate degree from Pace University Law School; he is a lawyer and advocate focusing on issues that impact LGBTQ communities, and communities of people living with and vulnerable to HIV acquisition; and



WHEREAS, Eric serves as Deputy Director at Georgia Equality where he oversees all day-to-day operations, developing and managing local, state, and federal policy and advocacy activities that advance equity and fairness for LGBTQ communities and improves public and private responses to the HIV epidemic; and



WHEREAS, Eric formerly served as the Tyron Garner Fellow at Lambda Legal, the oldest and largest organization dedicated to advancing the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people, and individuals living with HIV, where his work focused on HIV law and policy initiatives with an emphasis on legal issues disproportionately impacting Black LGBTQ communities; and



WHEREAS, Eric has spoken at leading law schools and national advocacy conferences on HIV criminal justice reform, the impact of the school-to-prison pipeline on Black queer youth, and the intersections of race, poverty, HIV, and LGBTQ issues; and



WHEREAS, Eric serves on the Board of the Atlanta Harm Reduction Coalition, the Pro Georgia Table and the Equality Federation; he is a New Leadership Council Fellow and former Victory Institute Victory Empowerment Fellow; and



WHEREAS, Eric was named one of the 100 most influential LGBTQ+ Georgians by the *Out Georgia Business Alliance*, and one of Georgia's Top 40 Leaders Under 40 by *Georgia Trend Magazine*; he completed an 18-month Soros Justice Fellowship where his work focused on building a network of Black lawyers to support Black communities impacted by HIV;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, in commemoration of Black Gay Pride Weekend, recognizes Eric Paulk for his leadership and advocacy of LGBTQ+ Georgians, and does hereby proclaim Friday, September 2, 2022 as **"ERIC PAULK APPRECIATION DAY"** in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Commissioner

Clerk to the Commission